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OUR LONDON LETTER.

THE SMASHING OVERTHROW OF
THE SOCIALISTS.CONSERVATIVES SWEEP THE COUNTRY
TRY AT THE POLLS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, November 8th.

A SMASHING DEFEAT.

The General Election, which has resulted in the return of the Conservative party to power with a commanding majority over all other sections in the House of Commons, is an impressive proof of the sanity and common sense of the British people faced with a great issue. In recent articles I have endeavoured to present a balanced account of the Labour Government's way of handling important questions, and shown that the methods profoundly disturbed the minds of people in every state of society.

There was interference by the Executive with the course of justice in the Campbell case—the withdrawal of a prosecution for sedition against a Communist editor. There was also the loan of forty million pounds sterling to the Soviet Government, a proposal which degraded to bolster up financially a gang of revolutionaries who have ruined Russia, and whose hatred of this country is open and undisguised. Then, in the midst of the Election we had the disclosure of the Zinoviev letter addressed to the Communist party here calling upon them to stir up the Army and Navy to mutiny and to foment rebellion among the unemployed.

THE PEOPLE'S VERDICT.

It was with a knowledge of these things, and of the well-known sympathy of the Labour party with Socialists and Communist movements at home and abroad, that the British people went to the polls. They have given their verdict on Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his Ministers in a manner which makes it plain to all the world that they will not tolerate a political party which woefully misrepresents them. As the *Times* expressed it in a leading article the day following the poll, "The British people perceived that in reality there was but one broad question before them. They were invited to reject the whole political and social system which they have inherited and developed through hundreds of years as fundamentally mistaken, and to substitute in its place machinery for the creation of a Socialist Commonwealth. They have given their answer; and seldom if ever in our long and varied political annals has an answer more decisive been recorded."

Mr. MacDonald and his supporters went to the country with 193 seats in the House of Commons, and they return with 152 on the present figures. Mr. Baldwin had only 255 followers in the late Parliament, and he has now a compact body of 411 members behind him; while the Liberals have dwindled from 193 to a handful of 42. We have in these figures proof positive that the ancient spirit of this country has reasserted itself. This election was decided not on party issues at all, but on the broad question of national security and stability which was threatened by the action of the Labour Government in attempting to foist on the country ideas and ideals that are foreign to the English temperament and tradition.

FUTURE OF THE LIBERAL PARTY.

What is to be the future of the Liberal party in Parliament? We are to-day faced by "one of those catastrophic changes which leave men bewildered; the great party which played such a mighty role all through the Victorian period is in the dust, and at the moment no man can say whether it will recover sufficiently to be a power in the land again. In political circles the view is canvassed that the Liberal party is doomed, and only one of two courses is open to its representatives in the House of Commons. One is for the moderate men to become absorbed in the Conservative party and the other is for the extreme men to ally themselves with the Labour party. With only about 40 Liberals in Parliament at Westminster there is not much that Liberals as a Parliamentary unit can do. Forty M.P.'s do not constitute a party; they are only a group.

On the other hand there are many who hold the Liberalism cannot die. It has beliefs, maxims and policies which are enduring, they say, and as over three million votes were cast for the Liberals returned to the House of Commons there is proof positive that Liberalism is strong in the country, especially as the fact is conceded that vast numbers of Liberals voted Conservative at the General Election to ensure the defeat of the Socialists. The future of Liberalism is dark and uncertain, and the most anybody can say is best expressed in the Asquithian phrase, "Wait and See."

MR. ASQUITH.

No doubt it has been consoling to Mr. Asquith in his hour of defeat in the Paisley division to receive from men of all parties sincere expressions of regret that he should have been debarred from Parliament at a time when his ripe experience and judgment are so greatly needed. One learns that Mr. Baldwin was among the first to send to the veteran Liberal a cordial letter, expressing his regret coupled with the hope that it will not be long before Mr. Asquith returns to the House of Commons. It is currently said that an effort will be made at the earliest possible moment to find a seat, and already the name of a well-known Welsh M.P. with a considerable majority behind him, is mentioned as being willing to resign in favour of the Liberal Leader. Meanwhile, Mr. Lloyd George will naturally lead the small Liberal party in the House of Commons, and in this connection it is rather curious to reflect that, in the new Parliament, there will be actually more Liberals in the House of Lords than in the popular Chamber.

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WHAT BUSINESS MEN SAY.

I was assured by one of the officials at the Federation of British Industries, where one naturally turns for a considered opinion of a reliable character on industrial matters, that the General Election result means a great deal indeed for trade recovery. The return of a Conservative Government with such an impressive majority over the other parties in the House of Commons is a guarantee of stability in the political domain for some years to come. This feeling has been sadly lacking of late. The business world has constantly before it the fear of something happening at home or abroad as a result of Socialist or Communist activities among Ministers that there was a failure in charge of the Ship of State to inspire confidence, which is absolutely necessary to trade prosperity.

At the F.B.I., the view held is to the effect that we are near to the beginning of a world revival of trade. The line of reasoning is that since the war we have had spasmodic trade revivals in the shape of internal trade booms in manufacturing countries; but there has been no international boom. This is accounted for by the disorganised state of the exchanges and the lack of stable conditions in Europe, but more especially by the want of balance between the products of agriculture and the products of industries.

TRADE EXPANSION.

The argument is developed by F.B.I. experts in this way. Since the war there has been, broadly speaking, a relative over-production of agricultural produce with the result that producers have been forced to accept uneconomical prices for their crops, and consequently they have been unable to buy their normal quota of manufactured goods. But the tide, it is considered, is now on the turn, as indicated by the recent rapid increase in the price of certain foods and raw materials which means prosperity to the agricultural countries.

Of course, while it is true that this readjustment must adversely affect the United Kingdom in its capacity of consumer, it is argued that the disadvantage should be more than offset by the numerous benefits which we should reap as the exporters of industrial products. In addition any tendency for trade to expand is likely to be fostered by the superfluity of money in the United States and by the re-establishment of financial stability in Germany; the conclusion reached, therefore, is that there are faint but unmistakable signs of a world expansion of trade next year.

DIPLOMATIC DIFFICULTIES.

The new Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has a task in front of him that nobody will envy. He will have to clear up a good deal of the mess and muddle that has been left behind as a consequence of Mr. MacDonald's experiments in an entirely new form of diplomacy. It will surprise nobody if he finds our relations abroad generally in anything like

so satisfactory a condition as they were when the Labour Government took office. The Russian Treaties are, of course, absolutely dead, and this in itself means a lot of complications, because our relations with the Soviet Government are even less friendly than they were at the beginning of the year.

Then there is the application of the Dawes Report, and it is feared in well-informed circles here that Mr. MacDonald made concessions to M. Herriot during the London Conference that are likely to have the effect of greatly delaying the work of the Committee of Allied and American experts who are at present sitting in Paris dealing with the allocation of the first and subsequent annuities under the Report.

It was quite clearly recognised beforehand that the American claim for priority for occupation costs in the Rhineland would be likely to cause trouble, and it seems probable now that the Committee will have to wait awhile until the new Chancellor of the Exchequer gets into the saddle.

PRINCE HENRY.

I hear that it is highly probable that in the New Year there will be new activities for Prince Henry. The Prince is very keen on his job as a soldier, and it has been for a long time one of his causes for complaint that he has had no opportunity of seeing any real work abroad. The belief is generally accepted in well-informed circles that early in 1925 he will be appointed to a post on the staff of either the Viceroy of India or the Commander-in-Chief of India, and it is fully expected that an announcement to this effect will be made in the course of the next week or two.

MR. H. W. LOOKER, M.P.

Among the notable successes of candidates at the General Election was the return of Mr. H. W. Looker, formerly solicitor at Hongkong, who was returned for South East Essex. He polled 19,731 votes against 15,880 cast for Mr. P. C. Hoffman, the late Member for the Division, and thus won the seat for the Conservatives with the handsome majority of 5,911 votes. Mr. Hoffman is the Secretary of the Shop Assistants' Union, and he is quite an able Labour leader, of moderate views on social questions. He had made himself secure, as many thought, in the constituency which includes the powerful working class element in and around Tilbury Docks, but the tide of Conservative feeling swept over South East Essex, as it did over the country as a whole, and landed Mr. Looker in Parliament.

At the General Election of 1923 Mr. Looker contested Central Hull against Commander Kenworthy, but was defeated. For some time past he has been "nursing" the Essex constituency, and has been ably assisted by his wife, who comes of a family that lived in Essex, near the old country town of Chelmsford, until recently. Mr. and Mrs. Looker reside at Great Baddow, also in Essex, and he is a member of the Chelmsford Golf Club.—H.B.

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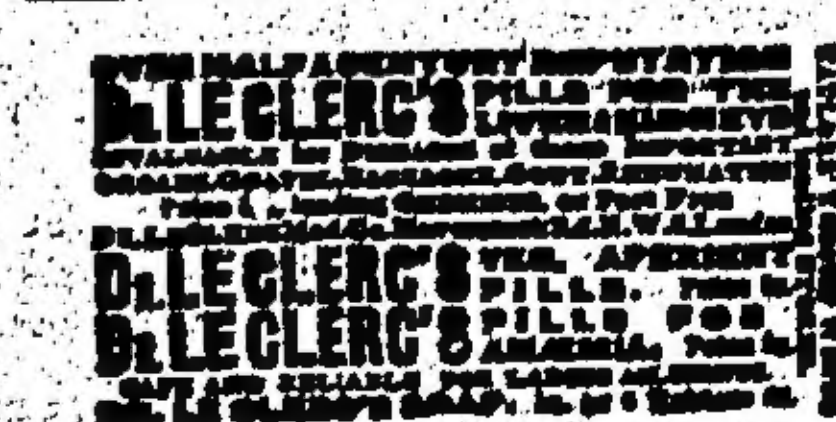
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"HELL"

SERMON AT ST. JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL.The following sermon was preached by
the Rev. H. Copley-Moyle, M.A., at St.
John's Cathedral on Sunday morning,
this being the third of a course of four
Advent sermons:—And if thy right eye causeth thee to
stumble, pluck it out, and cast it
from thee, for it is profitable for thee
that one of thy members should
perish, and not thy whole body be
cast into hell. And if thy right hand
causeth thee to stumble, cut it off
and cast it from thee, for it is profit-
able for thee that one of thy members
should perish, and not thy whole body
be cast into hell.—S. MATTHEW, v.,
29, 30.On these Sunday mornings in Advent
we are thinking of the Four Last Things.
We have thought of Death and Judgment
and to-day our subject is Hell. Before
we go any further let us try to be clear
as to the meaning of the word. In the
Bible there are three words which differ
in meaning very much from each other,
but which are all translated into English
in the Authorised Version of the Bible
by the word hell. The first of these
words is the Hebrew word Sheol, which
means the grave or the state of the de-
parted generally. In the new Testament
there are two words Hades and Gehenna,
both of which are translated by the word
"hell" in the Authorised Version of the
Bible, but in the Revised Version the first
word is not translated, but is kept in
English, while the second word is always
translated "hell." Hades is the state of
the departed after death. It was to
Hades that the Spirit of Jesus Christ
went after His Crucifixion, so when we
say in the Creed, "He descended into
Hell" the word He went to Hades. In
the parable of the Rich man and Lazarus,
the rich man goes to Hades, and it is
from there that he is prayed. Of the Hell
which represents the word Gehenna we
are told very little in the Scriptures, and
it is not mentioned in either the Apostles'
or the Nicene Creed. The word Gehenna
comes from the name of a valley, Ge-
hinom, on the west of Jerusalem. It was
there that tradition said the awful
worship of Moloch had been carried out,
so the pious King Josiah had it defiled,
and after his time it became the place
for the burning of the refuse of Jeru-
salem and of dead bodies of animals and
of criminals. The Jews gradually took
the word Gehenna as a synonym for the
place of punishment, and as the idea of
life after death became generally accept-
ed amongst the Jews, Gehenna was used
to signify the place where the wicked are
to be punished. It was thought to be
under the earth, and to be filled with
fire. Christian poets like Dante and
Milton have let their poetic imagination
run riot on the subject and have had a
powerful and disastrous effect on
Christian belief. Up till seventy or
eighty years ago the poetic descriptions
of these writers were taken literally, and
men preached of a material Hell with its
quenchless flames. And sermons aimed
at frightening people from evil by depict-
ing the horrors of Hell. But this was
carried so far that people began to see
that a God who could delight in condemn-
ing His children to such a fate could not
be the God of Love whom Jesus preach-
ed, so men began to ask what was the
Scripture foundation for the descriptions
of Hell which were so freely given. And
when they studied the subject they found
that Scripture tells us very little of Hell.
We take Hell to be the state of the
wicked after the Day of Judgment. Holy
Scripture tells us plainly that the wicked
will be punished, but we must believe that
the punishment is never vindictive but
always aims at being remedial. The ter-
rible hell of which Dante wrote with its
despairing inscription upon its portal,
"All hope abandon, ye who enter here,"
has passed from the realm of religious
thought. We cannot think that the hon-
our of the God of love would be promoted
by the endless misery of His children,
so we can no longer believe in a hell from
which there is no possibility of deliver-
ance. Are we then to cease altogether
to believe that evil will be punished? To
do so would indeed be to turn a deaf
ear to the warnings of Holy Scripture,
for nothing is made clearer to us in the
Sacred writings than this fact, that wif-
sin entails punishment. "The soul that
sinneth it shall die." "The wages of
sin is death." "Be sure your sin will
find you out." "Though hand join in
hand the wicked shall not be unpunish-
ed." "If any man defile the temple of
God, him shall God destroy." Such
warnings of Holy Scripture assure us that
the punishment of sin is inevitable, and
cannot be evaded. And again the punish-
ment of sin is impartial. "We are all apt
to think that we ourselves may commit
sin and escape the punishment which we
are ready to acknowledge is the usual
consequence of the sin, but which we
think to escape. It is, indeed, a vain
hope—yet like the words of the tempter
in Eden "Ye shall not surely die," men
seize it and think that they can sin and
escape the consequences. The old Greek
philosopher Plato said that sin and
punishment walk this world with their
heads tied together and the river which
links them is made of adamant. In truth
evil deeds avenge themselves. The old
heathen idea of the God Nemesis had a
basis of truth. "Sin creates hell for itself
either by blinding the sinner to the joy
of Heaven or by generating within him
the fear of discovery. How many people
have made their life in this world a per-
fect hell by the committing of some deed
of which they are ashamed and whose
discovery and publishing abroad they
dread. The thought of it haunts them
and cannot be escaped."

(Continued on next column).



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self, but what of the Hell of which the
New Testament speaks? If you take your
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ment you will find the word mentioned
a few times, not very many certainly, but
it is mentioned, and what are we to
understand by it? It is noticeable that
the word is found in the record of what
our Lord Himself said, e.g., "Whoever
shall say 'Thou fool,' shall be in danger
of the hell of fire." Again the words of
the text are words of our Lord Himself,
and it was He who said to the Pharisees
"How shall ye escape the judgment of
hell?" It was Christ who spoke of His
judging the world and sending the wicked
into eternal punishment (which is wrong-
ly translated everlasting punishment in
the Authorised Version of the Bible).
How are we to understand this Hell of
eternal punishment? I think we must
always approach the subject with the full
realisation that Christ has shown us that
God is a loving Father, and that fact will
make sure that He will always have
the sinner's welfare at heart, and any
thing like vindictive punishment will be
impossible. It may be that ultimately all
men will be brought by their punishment
to repentance, and so the will of God
which is the salvation of all men will at
last be done and there shall be no soul
lacking in the many mansions of the
Father's house. That is the doctrine
generally known as the "larger hope."
It has been taught and held by many of
our ablest and best scholars and teachers.
And it seems to be one which shows God
to be ultimately triumphant. Another
view of the future of the wicked is that
there are some who will never be brought
to repentance and their very existence
will be blotted out. They will cease to
be. This teaching seems to require us
to believe that God will ultimately fail
in some cases. It is generally known as
"Conditional immortality."There is another view of the future of
the wicked. Some believe that they will
remain impenitent in spite of all that
God's love can do, and that the knowledge
of all that they have lost will be their
punishment for ever. This view, like that
of conditional immortality, requires us to
believe that in many cases, God will fail,
and it is one which many of us believe
to be incompatible with a belief in the
love and the power of God.This fact stands out clearly, that sin
always brings suffering, if not in this
world then in the world beyond. It is
not a vindictive act of God but the natural
consequence of sin.But the appeal of the Gospel is not to
fear but to love. Fear may create the
forced obedience of the slave, love alone
can arouse the devotion of a son. And
we know that God is love, and the com-
pelling force in Christian lives is not the
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ARMS SEIZURE IN EX-OFFICIAL'S
HOME.

PISTOLS AND RIFLES AT A
SHANGHAI RESIDENCE.

A big seizure of arms and ammunition was made last week at the residence of the ex-Tuli (Military Governor) of Kiangsi, Tsai Ch'eng Hsun, who arrived in Shanghai on Monday and is occupying three foreign houses in Avenue Road. The attention of the police, says the *N.C. Daily News*, was first directed to the matter by an arrest which was made on Monday evening. A patrol party from Sinsu station came upon a "suspect," and on searching him, found that he wore a belt packed with 300 rounds of Mauser pistol ammunition. It was ascertained that this man was one of the ex-Tuli's servants, and accordingly, on his appearance before the Mixed Court on Tuesday, application was made for a warrant to search the premises in Avenue Road, Nos. 143, 144 and 144A, near Hart Road.

EX-TULI'S ASSURANCES.

When the police made their first visit they received from the ex-military governor an assurance that he had no ammunition on the premises, nothing beyond one or two pistols, and it is very probable that he was speaking in entire good faith, though subsequent developments disclosed a different state of affairs. In view of discoveries which were made the police resolved to proceed with a thorough search of the three houses, and this was begun on Wednesday afternoon and continued next day, over 30 Mauser pistols and a number of rifles being found on the premises. The search was still in progress.

SEIZURE BY FRENCH POLICE.

A seizure of arms and ammunition was also made by the French police when luggage consigned to the Avenue Road address was being landed on Monday afternoon. A number of trunks were opened and one was found to contain a quantity of Mauser pistols, while another contained 1,000 rounds of Mauser ammunition. These are now being held by the police.

It should be pointed out that ownership of the pistols and ammunition has not yet been determined, and it may possibly be found that the things have been smuggled in by some of his servants and that the ex-Governor himself has no knowledge of the matter. At the moment, no arrests have been made.

Tsai Ch'eng Hsun was formerly Tutoring of Suiyuan and Commanding General of the 1st Army Division. He was Minister of War in 1921 and proceeded to Kiangsi to defend it against Li Lieh Chun, assuming command of the Kiangsi troops in June, 1922, when Chen Kiang Yuan left his post. It was made Tuli shortly afterwards and became a full General last year, receiving the second class Order of Merit.

FOREIGN MINISTERS' NOTE TO
WAICHAOUPU.

SUPPORT TO NEW GOVERNMENT
IF TREATIES ARE OBSERVED.

The following is the text of the Note which the Protocol Ministers sent to the Waichaoou on December 9th:—

"The undersigned representatives of Peking of the United States, Belgium, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and the Netherlands declare in the names of their Governments that, taking note of the communication addressed to them on November 24th by the Provisional Chief Executive and of office of a Provisional Chief Executive and of mandates issued by the new Provisional Chief Executive on the same day, they will lend their full support to the Provisional Government at Peking under the present Provisional Chief Executive and that they have entered into *de facto* relations with the same on the understanding that the Provisional Government has been constituted with the concurrence of the nation for the purpose of taking charge of the affairs of the Chinese Republic pending the establishment of a formal Government representing all provinces and parties in the Republic, and on the understanding that it is the intention of the Provisional Government and any formal Government that may hereafter be established to respect and duly fulfill all treaties, conventions and other engagements entered into by the former Manchu and Republican Governments, and all rights, privileges and immunities enjoyed by foreigners in China by virtue of such international engagements, which, according to international usage, can only be modified by mutual consent of the contracting parties.

They further declare that on the above understanding their Governments are willing and anxious to proceed as soon as practicable with the carrying out of the measure contemplated in the Washington Treaties and Resolutions.

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"The talents of Long Tack Sam, his family and his troupe of Chinese artists, are not being thrown away on empty houses. This entertainment is playing to packed audiences every night. Last evening another enthusiastic audience applauded the juggling, water spinning, conjuring, acrobatics and other turns provided by what is considered to be the finest vaudeville company that has ever visited Hongkong. By special request, Mr. Long Tack Sam has consented to play at the Queen's Theatre for a further three days prior to his departure for Sydney, Australia.

THE ITALIAN GRAND OPERA
CO.

LITIGATION IN "MANILA."

The Italian Grand Opera Co., which a little while ago gave a series of operas in Hongkong, is now in Manila, and is doubly in the limelight, for besides giving performances in the Grand Opera House, the financial affairs of the Company, which have previously engaged attention in the Court of First Instance are now claiming the attention of the Supreme Court, a petition having been filed by Signor Carpi for a writ of *certiorari* and a preliminary injunction against the Judge of the Court of First Instance and Mrs. Anastasia Padovani to prevent them taking any further action on the litigation between Carpi and Mrs. Padovani regarding giving an accounting by the former to the latter of the transactions, contracts, profits, accounts etc., of the present opera company. Mrs. Padovani seeks participation in the interests of the opera company of which she alleges she is entitled to 65 per cent. of the profits, being a co-partner in it. A long drawn suit was heard in the Manila courts, and is still pending.

Carpi in his petition, alleges that Judge Harvey exceeded his jurisdiction in issuing his order requiring the petitioner to give an accounting to Mrs. Padovani for the business transacted during 1923 and 1924 on the basis of the agreement between the two dated April 20th, 1922, when this contract, according to its terms, was terminated, having been duly served Mrs. Padovani. The injunction is asked in order to preserve the rights of the parties pending the final determination of the petition.

The litigation of which this petition for a *certiorari* is a consequence, started on April 3rd, 1923, when Mrs. Padovani commenced suit against Carpi before Judge Simplicio del Rosario asking for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the funds of the Italian Opera Company which she said she owned and for which Carpi she alleged was employed as manager. Judge Del Rosario rejected the petition, for a receiver. Mrs. Padovani brought a petition afterwards before the Supreme Court asking that the decision of the lower court be reviewed, but the petition was denied by the high tribunal. The case was later transferred from Del Rosario to Judge Harvey's court.

The latest phase of the litigation—as pending in Judge Harvey's court was for the appointment of Carpi as receiver of the present Opera Company. The amount of the bond called for in the receivership was P.20,000.

THE CASE OUTLINED.

The facts in the case as they are stated by Signor Carpi are: that during the months of April, 1922, at the request by cable of Mrs. Padovani, Carpi went from Shanghai to Singapore to enter into some arrangements with her regarding the Italian Opera Company which was then at Singapore and of which Mrs. Padovani claimed she was the owner. They entered into a co-partnership on the understanding that Mrs. Padovani would cede all the contracts with the artists for a period of six months, renewable in another six months. At that time the financial condition of the company was not good.

Mrs. Padovani was to get 65 per cent. of the gross receipts and pay expenses of actors, and Carpi 35 per cent. and pay theatre expenses and advertising. The period of the co-partnership was to run till December 31st, 1922. Carpi alleges that he found the company to be insolvent when he took it, part of the company's interests being mortgaged to Giorgi for 130,000 liras, and to V. Artino for 10,000 liras, and that there were many debts pending against the company.

Then Mrs. Padovani left, and as the company could not be moved from Singapore to give operatic tours in other cities of the Orient, she agreed to sell to him the costumes, and decorations, music, paraphernalia, and effects of the company for \$15,000, Shanghai currency. Then at the Italian Consulate of Singapore, a bill of sale was signed by Mrs. Padovani and Carpi on April 27th, 1923, and after execution of this sale, Carpi paid out of his own pocket and assumed the following indebtedness: \$2,649.10 for hotel expenses of artists; \$4,614.88 for passages and transportations and food; \$1,000 to Artino for his credit in the company; and \$7,400 to Giorgi for release of his mortgage. The partnership agreement was changed later into a written agreement before a notary public, Van der Meer, in Samarang, Java. Mrs. Padovani left for Italy for the musicians and artists, for the troupe was not complete, but she failed to obtain musicians and got only three singers, one of whom had to be sent back to Italy at considerable expense. The company reached Manila for the first time on March 2nd, 1924, after touring around the Orient, and here began the suit that is still pending in the courts, of which the petition before the Supreme Court is an outgrowth.

Carpi refuses to permit Mrs. Padovani to participate in the interests of the new company now performing in the Opera House because this is an entirely new troupe, the first one having been disbanded in Peking, at the termination of the contract on December 31st, 1922. Thirteen artists were obtained from Milan, in July, 1924, all new ones, with the exception of Castagnino and Patterna who were members of the old company. Six Russians were obtained from Harbin to make up the chorus, plus eight Italians also to compose the chorus, who were in Shanghai giving programmes at cafes, and 13 Russians were obtained from Harbin as musicians.

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ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was held yesterday in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., when the Captain of the Club, Mr. J. B. Ross, was in the chair.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. T. A. Robertson, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Mr. J. W. Franks, Mr. L. S. Greenhill, and Mr. A. B. Stewart.

The notice convening the meeting having been read,

The Chairman said: Gentlemen.—The accounts for the year ended September 30th last having been in your hands for a week, I will, with your permission, take them as read. I think you will agree with me that the Accounts show a very satisfactory state of affairs, a pleasing feature of which is that we are able to show a credit balance of \$13,690.69 with the Bank. The excess of income over expenditure in the year under review amounted to \$14,111.65, as compared with \$17,064.38 last year, a decrease of \$2,952.73. The profit on Working Account is approximately \$3,000 less than last year. This is accounted for principally as follows:—

Wages have been increased by \$1,000. Cost of Maintenance at Happy Valley has been decreased by \$850, while Deep Water Bay is increased by \$700, showing a net decrease on those two courses of \$150. Cost of Maintenance at Fanling has increased by approximately \$2,000 but on the other hand, repairs and renewals have decreased by approximately \$1,500. Newspapers, Periodicals and Prizes Account shows an increase of \$200, and Printing, Stationery, and Advertising a decrease of approximately \$800. Cost of administration has been increased by \$2,000 owing to the appointment of a permanent Secretary and Staff.

BALANCE SHEET.

On the other side of the Working Account there is an increase in Resident Subscriptions of \$1,000 and a decrease in Absent Members fees of \$200. Profit on Sales has decreased by \$2,500, but the Lodging Account at Fanling is increased by \$800. Turning to the Balance Sheet you will observe that it is drawn up in a slightly different form from the last one, the Assets of each Club House, etc., being grouped together and I think you will agree with me this is an improvement, as it shows the Capital expenditure under each heading separately. The Balance Sheet is a very full one, and it is therefore unnecessary for me to go into many details. The usual provision has been made for depreciation. Accounts Payable amount to \$5,142.04 as against \$10,679.62 last year. Among the Assets at Fanling you will observe that a Cowshed and Machine House has been erected at a cost of \$4,056. Your Committee considered that it was advisable to erect such a building, as the matsheds previously in use had to be renewed every few years, and apart from the recurring cost of same, there was always a grave risk of loss from fire. Under the heading of Deep Water Bay, it is shown that \$12,000 has been paid on account of alterations to the Club House, leaving a balance of about \$10,000, due to the Contractor.

Accounts Receivable, including September cheques \$2,513.34, amounts to \$0,469.96 as against \$18,805.50 last year. You will notice that the sum of \$1,483.84 has been written off for Bad Debts. For the past two years we have been endeavouring to collect old accounts of Members and Subscribers who had left the Colony, some of the accounts being outstanding since before 1921. I have gone carefully through the particulars of these accounts and most of those that were at all doubtful have been written off. In the event of any of these being collected they will appear in the accounts in Profit and Loss Account under Bad and Doubtful Debts recovered. The Committee has, so far, found it unnecessary to realise the investment in Hongkong Government 5 per cent. War Loan as was contemplated at the last Annual General Meeting, as during the year the Club was fortunate enough to have enough cash in hand to meet all requirements.

DECEASED MEMBERS.

We have lost several keen supporters during the past year. The Club sustained a great loss in the death of our President, the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, who kept himself closely in touch with the affairs of the Club and was always ready to give us the benefit of his wide experience. The Hon. Mr. A. F. Thomson, better known as "Sandy Thomson," the Hon. Mr. A. B. Lowe, Commander Deckwith, Major Buck, Messrs. W. Armstrong, A. A. Claxton, D. W. Craddock, S. B. C. Ross, and Frank Smyth have also passed away.

As decided at the last Annual General Meeting the Committee adverted to for a permanent Secretary who would devote his whole time to the interests of the Club. Several applications were received, and Mr. E. D. Matthews, who was well known to many members, was appointed. Colonel Matthews arrived from Home in March and has proved himself to be a very energetic and efficient Secretary.

FANLING COURSES.

Last year in the report on Fanling Old Course it was stated that our ambition was to have a course which would bear favourable comparison with most inland courses at home. During the summer months Mr. Greenhill, our energetic Convener of the Greens Committee, introduced a scheme of top-dressing with sulphate of ammonia and the result has been so satisfactory that our course is now compared with some of the best in the East. This must be pleasing news to Mr. Kerr, our Superintendent, whose devotion to the affairs of the

Club is reflected in no small measure by the high standard of everything at Fanling. Mr. Kerr has supervised the construction of the Fanling Courses from the start, and it is difficult to imagine that, a few years ago, those fine fairways were rough fields. Labour conditions in Fanling district have changed very considerably in recent years, and I am sure very few of us stop to think when we go out at week-ends, of the many difficulties which have to be overcome by Mr. and Mrs. Kerr. The Greens Committee adopted some of the suggestions made by Colonel Hill in the shape of new bunkers. Some members consider the bunker at the third hole and that to the right of the tenth green are a bit too severe. I certainly agree as regards the one at the tenth green, but I think Mr. Greenhill has the matter in hand. It is hoped during next summer to make some improvements on the new Course which will make the second nine holes more interesting. Complaints are still being received regarding caddies at Fanling. Your Committee has done everything possible in the matter, and I would call the attention of Members to the Rules relating to caddies on Page 4 of the Book containing Local Rules, which has been brought up to date by the Secretary and issued to all Members.

INTERPORT MATCH.

A team representing the Club paid a visit to Manila in February last, and after a very interesting match were defeated by 7½ points to 4½ points. It is hoped to play annual matches against Shanghai and Manila. Shanghai proposed visiting us about Chinese New Year, but some time ago it was arranged that these matches should take place in October of each year at Shanghai and Hongkong alternatively. We are due to visit Manila, and will probably send a team down at the end of January.

The Happy Valley course has suffered severely from floods during the past summer, and is only now recovering from the damage done by the floods of August, 1923. The state of the ground prevented play for the greater part of the summer, and this is reflected in the poor return on Sales. The P.W.D. have the matter of drainage in hand and it is hoped that, should the nullah overflow in future, the new system of drainage will prevent water from lying on the course. Deep Water Bay is very popular, particularly in the summer months. It is true that there has been a slight falling off in the return during the past year. This is accounted for by the unavoidable inconvenience caused by alterations to the Club House. The alterations will be completed in a few weeks, and I feel sure that the greatly improved accommodation will meet a long felt want on the other side of the island. As a pleasant way of spending a summer evening I might mention that there is ample accommodation for arranging dinner parties. We are deeply indebted to Messrs. C. R. M. Young, R. W. Stoddart, and the Members of the Deep Water Bay Sub-Committee for the manner in which they have looked after our interests. Full details of what has been done will be issued when the Clubhouse is opened. Owing to the limited area of the ground available for play, congestion is unavoidable at times, and in order to prevent accidents I would ask players to pay particular attention to the Rules and Etiquette of the game.

On behalf of the Members of the Club I should like to thank Mr. E. W. Hamilton for being good enough to write a history of the Club. A long felt want, as most of our records were lost in the fire at Happy Valley. Mr. Hamilton's articles, which will shortly appear in book form, show the admirable foresight of those Members who were responsible for our Courses at Fanling.

RETIRING COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

The retiring Members of Committee, Messrs. Stewart, Henderson, and Franks, have all been closely connected with the policy of the Club and their services have proved invaluable. We wish them a pleasant holiday at home.

The Chairman next proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts. Mr. J. Templeton seconded the resolution, and the Report and Accounts were carried unanimously.

Continuing, Mr. Ross said: I now come to the resolution proposing the additional subscription of \$2 per month till December 31st, 1925. Your Committee have gone very carefully into this matter, and if this extra subscription is allowed to lapse, as it would do automatically at the end of this year, the revenue will be reduced by an amount of approximately \$18,000 and we shall be faced with a deficit on working. They are of the opinion, therefore, that it is absolutely essential that this additional subscription should be continued for at least another two years and they are asking you to sanction it this afternoon.

I will now propose the following resolution:—

That the additional subscription of \$2 per month be continued until December 31st, 1926, under the same conditions as heretofore.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. A. B. Stewart proposed Mr. A. H. Ferguson as the Club's President for the ensuing year, and Mr. J. W. Franks seconded, the proposal was unanimously passed.

NEXT YEAR'S CAPTAIN.

The Captain then proposed Mr. G. S. Archbutt as Captain for the coming year, and said that Mr. Archbutt had been a Member of Committee for some years and had an intimate knowledge of the Club's affairs. Mr. L. S. Greenhill seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. Nine members elected to serve on the General Committee were: Messrs. W. Adamson, L. S. Greenhill, H. U. Ireland, C. D. Lambert, R. E. Macdonald, C. A. Peck, J. B. Ross, J. D. Kinnaird, and F. G. Walker.

"THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD."

[BY A SYMPATHETIC CRITIC.]

The present excellent revival of this Opera has been fully dealt with from the point of view of acting, singing, scenery, etc.

A few remarks about the plot may be welcomed, as this is certainly the most serious of the efforts made by Gilbert in conjunction with Sullivan.

The modern tendency is to worship the great combination of Gilbert and Sullivan, with, perhaps, more zeal than discretion. There is no doubt that Gilbert, though a great genius, had his weak moments and was capable not only of occasional lapses but of writing a comparatively feeble play, of which the "Pirates of Penzance" is an example.

In the present work he maintains a very high level, at all events so far as the main plot is concerned. He avoided the "happy ending," and the character of "Fairfax" is consistent throughout the action of the piece.

A friend of the present writer once made the suggestion that Fairfax should have committed suicide in order to leave "Elsie Maynard" free to accept the undoubted affection of "Jack Point." This suggestion, if carried out, would have made nonsense of the character of Fairfax. The Colonel is essentially a soldier with the virtues and failings of that profession. He is undaunted by the approach of an apparently certain death, and in the song "Is life a boon?" gives expression to his fortitude in some of the most touching lines in the English language.

On the other hand, he has all the soldier's readiness to accept the gifts of fortune. In the words of the private soldier, he "comes in for a bit of all right," and he accepts it with entire regard to the lacerated feelings of poor Jilted Jack Point.

Like a true soldier he accepts good and evil fortune with the unflinching common sense. Why, therefore, make him play the part of "Sydney Carton"? There is no point of contact between the starchy soldier and the drunken, but heroic lawyer.

The chief defect of the play, as a play, is the mismanagement of the two subsidiary love affairs—the Gaoier and Phoebe, the Sergeant and Dame Carruthers.

Dealing first with the latter. The Sergeant is, most gratuitously, made to appear a fool. Dame Carruthers is a charming and altogether suitable companion for the Sergeant. What he can see against her, nobody has ever been able to make out. After seeing the opera at least a dozen times, the present writer can find no reason, in the play.

The real reason is the weakness Gilbert had for his silly John of poking fun at old maids; as the "Lady Jane" in "Patience," and, perhaps worst of all, Ruth in the "Pirates of Penzance."

Far more deplorable is the mismanagement of the Willfrid-Phoebe part. The two are brought in by way of what is known, in stage language, as a "comic relief." So far so good. The main plot, however, hinges on the sacred character of marriage, and after dwelling on this theme it is no less than an outrage to make Phoebe accept as a husband the bestial gaoier who has no single good quality to recommend him. On the contrary, he is almost as ugly as "Caliban" and very nearly as jealous. Again there is absolutely no necessity whatever for so unnatural a union. Willfrid has committed himself very badly in the matter of Fairfax (deceased) and has just as little to gain by ill-natured revelations as anyone.

The whole incident is a blot on an otherwise excellent play and merely shows, as several critics have pointed out, that Gilbert could have written better plays if he had taken rather more trouble not to offend against the canons of good taste.

LOCAL SPORT.

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TABLES TO DATE.

Division I.									
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.	Gols.	
S. China "A"	9	8	0	1	28	4	17		
E. Surrey Regt.	8	7	1	0	24	5	14		
H.K. Club	9	5	4	0	19	9	10		
R.A.	7	4	3	0	12	13	8		
H.M.S. Turner	9	3	5	1	8	12	7		
Kowloon	7	2	4	0	18	11	6		
H.K. Police	10	2	6	2	7	18	6		
S. China "B"	9	0	0	0	4	45	0		
Division II.									
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.	Gols.	
E. Surrey Res.	10	9	0	1	20	3	18		
Club de Rec. "A"	9	7	1	1	43	3	15		
St. Joseph's "A"	11	7	3	1	24	10	15		
S. China "A"	10	5	4	1	20	14	11		
East Surreys.									
Drama	10	5	4	1	20	15	11		
Kowloon Res.	10	4	6	0	14	23	8		
Club de Rec. "B"	11	3	6	2	14	25	8		
H.K. Club Res.	9	3	5	1	6	17	7		
Sacked Heart	10	2	6	2	15	24	6		
University	8	2	4	2	8	15	6		
St. Joseph's "B"	9	1	4	4	5	19	6		
S. China "B"	11	2	7	2	5	28	6		

HOCKEY.

H.K.H.C. v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

The following will represent the H.K.H.C. 1st XI. against H.M.S. "Hawkins" on Wednesday at 4.45 p.m. sharp at the U.S.R.C.—P. W. F. Mills, H. Owen-Hughes, C. L. R. Becher, A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), L. P. Ralph, G. B. Morn, G. B. Hett, W. J. Woodward, E. L. Sim, and B. D. Evans.

UNSTAMPED FOREIGN BILL.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFFS.

Mr. Justice Gompertz, in the Summary Court, yesterday morning, gave judgment in the case in which a foreign bill of exchange arrived unstamped in Hongkong, and which resulted in an action for recovery. When the bill was presented for payment it was noticed that the stamp was not cancelled, and consequently was not paid.

What his Lordship had to decide was whether the Kam Tai Firm, plaintiffs, could recover. The Tsun Fung Bank were the defendants.

His Lordship pointed out that neither under sections 6 or 15 of the Stamp Ordinance was there any provision for the cancellation of a stamp on an instrument not previously cancelled. In this case, however, the stamp was cancelled effectively before it was tendered in evidence, and this in his opinion was all that was necessary. He saw no reason why plaintiffs should not recover, and therefore gave them judgment with costs.

ALLEGED MALICIOUS PROSECUTION.

CONCUBINE AND MISTRESS SUED.

A claim for \$1,000, as compensation for alleged malicious prosecution at the Central Magistracy was made before Mr. Justice Gompertz sitting in Summary Jurisdiction yesterday, by a Chinese foreman fitter at Kowloon Docks.

Mr. N. I. Brewer, who appeared for plaintiff, said that the latter was prosecuted in August last on, among other charges, that of obtaining money by intimidation. The case, however, was dismissed. Mr. Brewer said that plaintiff acted as a go-between for another man who wanted a concubine, but the girl chosen was not suitable and was rejected. It was alleged that plaintiff kept back certain goods, but they remained to be called for by their owners at the Peking Hotel, Yaumati, where the celebrations took place.

The defendants, the girl in the case and her mistress, were represented by Mr. M. L. Watson.

Evidence was given as to the reasons why the girl was not acceptable, and his Lordship adjourned the case until this morning.

EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATION.

MERGED IN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong was held at the offices of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce yesterday, when the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

That as from January 1st, 1925, the Association be merged in the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, and that for this purpose the Association be voluntarily wound up as a separate organisation, as from December 31st, 1924.

A circular recently issued to members stated that the General Committee of the Association had come to the conclusion that Exporters' interests would be more conveniently and economically served through a separate Association. There seemed no reason why the export side of local commerce should any longer remain apart from the Chamber of Commerce, which deals with import interests, shipping and other commercial matters. The Chamber of Commerce regarded the proposal in a favourable light and was willing to appoint an Export Sub-Committee, through which it would consider questions affecting exporters.

The resolution set forth above was proposed by Mr. O. Eager (Chairman of the Association), seconded by Mr. W. A. Hannibal (an ex-Chairman).

Those present at the meeting were:—Messrs. O. Eager, Chairman (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.); F. Syme Thomson, Vice-Chairman (Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.); W. L. Pattenden (Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co.); J. M. Alves (Messrs. J. M. Alves & Co., Ltd.); J. M. da Rocha (Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Co.); J. Th. de Vries (Messrs. Holland China Trading Co.); Wong Tak Kwong (Messrs. Fung Tang); Members of the General Committee; and the following representatives being shown in parentheses:—Messrs. Arnold & Co., Ltd. (Mr. R. E. Ost); Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd. (Mr. P. E. Barker); Gerin Drevard & Co. (Mr. C. S. Rosset); Gilman & Co., Ltd. (Mr. B. O. Blaker); W. H. Hannibal & Co. (Mr. W. A. Hannibal); Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. H. de Carvalho); Harry Wicking & Co. (Mr. H. Owen-Hughes); W. G. Humphreys & Co. (Mr. A. D. Humphreys); David Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (V. Gonsalves); A. B. Moulder & Co., Ltd. (Mr. Wong Oi Kut); with the Acting Secretary (Mr. M. F. Key).

MURDER OF A LEPER.

CORONER'S VERDICT.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, sitting as Coroner at the Kowloon Court yesterday afternoon, concluded the hearing of the inquiry into the death of a leper. His Worship found that the deceased was murdered by some person or persons unknown, death having been caused by asphyxia from strangulation.



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NOTIFICATION.

THE Office and Stations of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to PUBLIC BUSINESS on the 22nd DECEMBER, (WINTER SOLSTICE), on the 26th and 27th DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS), and on the 1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1925 (NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS).

R. H. R. WADE,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
Kowloon and District.

York Buildings,
Hongkong, 15th December, 1924. [1605]

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M. E. F. ABBEY, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1924. [1610]

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E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1924. [1611]

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THE Steamer "P.F. ALZ"
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notified that their Cargo is being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kow-
loon, whence delivery may be obtained.

All Goods remaining undelivered after the
15th instant, will be subject to Rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godown for examination by the Consignees and
the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson
& Ashe, at 10 a.m., on the 15th December,
1924.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godown and all Claims must be
presented within two weeks of the Steamer's
arrival here, after which date they will not be
recognized.

Consignees are requested to surrender their
Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for
counter-signature.

MEICHERS & CO.,
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[1602] NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD BREMEN.

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE P. & O. BANKING CORPORATION, LTD., will REMOVE from its
present premises, 22, Des Voeux Road Central
to the NEW P. & O. BUILDING on the 15th
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1924.

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DIVIDEND of 10 (Ten per cent.)
Free of Income Tax, for the year
ending 30th JUNE, 1924, Holders of
Shares and Holders of Dividend
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Registered Shares, will be paid their Dividends
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CORPORATION.
The Payments will be made in Dollars at
the buying rate of Exchange of the Day.
E. J. NATHAN,
Acting General Manager,
KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION. [1591]

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

ONE Certificate for 600 Shares Nos.
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standing in the Name of the Late GEORGE
HARRINGTON, has been LOST; and if at the
Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof
the above Certificate not be forthcoming,
Another Certificate for the said Shares will be
issued by the Company, and thereafter no
other will be acknowledged.

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and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kow-
loon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
Notice to the contrary be given before
9th instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godown, and all Claims
remaining undelivered after the 15th instant,
will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 25th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, stained and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 15th instant, at 10 a.m., by
the Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOVEZIAN.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by
DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1924. [1593]

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BIRTH.

MARTIN.—At Shanghai, on December 11th,
to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. MARTIN, of
H.B.M. Consulate-General, a son.

MARRIAGE.

SELLARS—HAMILTON.—At the Peak Church,
Hongkong, on December 15th, by the
Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, GEORGE W.
SELLARS, son of the late Mr. and Mrs.
GEORGE W. SELLARS, of Kowloon,
Glasgow, to LOUISE WHITE HAMILTON,
younger daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. ARCHIBALD HAMILTON, Dorloch,
Pollokshields, Glasgow. [1608]

DEATHS.

GROUVER.—At Shanghai, on December
11th, Mrs. ALEXANDRA S. GROUVER,
aged 44 years.

HOPPELER.—At Canton, on December
14th, GUSTAV GEORG HOPPELER, of
Zurich, Switzerland, aged 55. [1604]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 16TH, 1924.

A DELICATE AND UNSTABLE
SITUATION.

WHILE we are without confirmation of
the rumour that Marshal TUN CHU-JU,
the Chief Executive of China, has fled
from the Capital, it will certainly not be
dismissed as an unlikely event by those
who have been trying to thread the tor-
tuous maze of the political situation at
Peking. No etherless, it would be ex-
tremely disappointing to learn definitely
that Marshal TUN had run like a fox
to his funk hole, instead of exhibiting
the manly courage of resigning in some
dramatic manner that would forcibly
impress the nation with the difficulties
that make his continuance in the office
impossible. Though the political seas
have appeared calm since his advent to
power, it has been obvious that there
have been treacherous undercurrents
which, in the expressive American phrase,
have been "rocking the boat." There
was something ominous, for example,
about Marshal CHANG TSO-LIN's sudden
withdrawal from Peking to his lair in
Mukden, and the pursuit of him by the

War Minister, and the Chief Secretary
of Marshal TUN "in order to ascertain
his actual views on the very complicated
situation." It is disturbing also to read
that Marshal FENG's troops, though they
have been formally transferred out of his
control to that of the War Ministry, still
refuse to receive orders that are not
issued in the name of the "Christian
General." Meanwhile Marshal FENG
himself remains in the Western Hills—
which have on many occasions served the
purpose of a political fence for states-
men and high officials in China. He
appears to be in no hurry to start on a
foreign tour, and his sojourn in the
Western Hills, with two of the Ministers
he appointed when he seized the Capital,
appears to be widely regarded with a
good deal of suspicion. Furthermore, a
sinister importance is attached to reports
that ex-President LI YUAN HUNG has
been exchanging views with Dr. SUN YAT
SEN and Marshal CHANG TSO-LIN, and we
cannot imagine that there can be any
possibility of co-operation between these
three that will make for anything but
disorder in China. We do not know
whether the illness which has prevented
Dr. SUN going up from Tientsin to the
Capital is purely "diplomatic" or not,
but there are reasons to suggest that it
might be. SUN's Bolshevik friends in
the Capital are eager to welcome him,
but the metropolitan police, evidently
being apprised of the nature of the
demonstration contemplated, deemed it
necessary to warn the organisations that
only "proper receptions" would be per-
mitted. "Agitations and Red flags,
which tend to disturb the peace and
order of the metropolis, will be strictly
prohibited," a Chinese news agency in-
forms us. Likewise a police ban has been
placed on the broadcasting of pamphlets
which have not previously been approved
by the police, who have already seized
and destroyed great quantities that had
been printed for distribution on the
occasion. It is not without interest to
learn in this connection that Dr. WEL-
INGTON KOO, "who was fondly believed
to be on his way to England," followed
Dr. SUN to Tientsin, travelling in the
company of Mr. EUGENE CHEN (Dr. SUN's
well-known and energetic Secretary), and
with Comrade BORODIN (the Soviet repre-
sentative in Canton) and another Russian
emissary. The whole situation in the
North is, as the Chinese newspapers
describe it, "very complicated," and the
Chief Executive's position manifestly has
been delicate and unstable. But Marshal
TUN has had enough experience of
Chinese politics in the course of a long
life, to know the perils of the course
which, after a great deal of persuasion,
he finally decided to take, and we repeat,
it will be a great disappointment if he
does not take a more heroic course in
this great crisis than to run to his "funk
hole" in Tientsin.

It is reported that on Sunday Revenue
Officers seized 4,000 taels of prepared
opium on the s.s. *Hai Hong*, and also
approximately 2,000 ounces of morphia
and cocaine on the s.s. *Ho Sang*.

A pleasant social gathering was held
by the Hongkong Theosophical Society
last night, commencing at 5.30 p.m.
Messrs. Wiseman's served an excellent
tea, after which a most enjoyable im-
promptu concert was staged.

A man who, in the opinion of the
Medical Officer of Victoria Gaol, is deaf
and dumb, was discharged by Mr. E. W.
Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday, when charged with the theft
of \$25 from a passenger on the s.s.
Shantung.

Three Chinese stokers pleaded guilty
before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N.,
at the Marine Magistracy yesterday
morning, to having boarded the s.s.
Buenavista, without the permission of the
master on the 13th inst. His Worship
cautioned the men.

Mr. Ebridge Gerry Greene, formerly
First Secretary at Paris, has been trans-
ferred to the American Legation at
Peking, but the position of First Secre-
tary in the Legation will be held by Mr.
Reete H. Barklow, whose last appoint-
ment was at Panama.

Dr. R. M. Ross, physician at the Kerr
Hospital for the Insane and Canton, and
Dr. Margaret Taylor, a teacher at the
Buckett Medical College, were married
at Canton last week, the ceremony being
performed by the bride's uncle, the Rev.
Dr. Charles Taylor of New York.

At a meeting of Queen's College Old
Boys' Association, held last night, the
following officials were elected:—Presi-
dent, Mr. George Grimbley; vice-Presi-
dent, Mr. Mok Kong San; Honorary
Secretary, Mr. C. G. Anderson; and
Treasurer, Mr. Lni Im To. There were
about 25 members present.

The death occurred at Guy's Hospital,
London, on October 31st, of Mr. Harold
John Graig. Mr. Graig was for many
years engaged in business in Shanghai
and was well known in racing circles.
The owner of the Wingard stable his
pony won the St. Leger with Vancou-
per in the Spring Meeting in 1923 and the
Shanghai Stakes with Algerine at the
same meeting. He was a Steward of the
Race Club.

WEDDINGS.

PARREN—GRANT.

The Peak Church, which had been taste-
fully decorated for the occasion, was well
filled yesterday morning at 11 o'clock
when the marriage took place of Miss
Dorothy Alma Grant, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. L. M. F. Grant, of Foochow, to Mr.
J. L. Parren, only son of Mr. and Mrs.
J. H. Parren, of Ipswich, the ceremony
being conducted by the Rev. H. Copley
Moyle.

The bride, who entered the church on
the arm of Mr. Granville Murray, looked
charming in a dress of white satin em-
broided with silver beads. She carried
a shower bouquet and wore a tulle veil
and orange blossoms.

She was attended by Miss Barbara King
as bridesmaid, who was daintily attired
in pale mauve georgette trimmed with
silver ribbon. She carried a bouquet of
sweet peas.

The bride's mother was dressed in black
satin with grey fur and small black hat,
and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums.
Mr. J. H. Crouch carried out the duties
of "best man."

After the ceremony a reception was held
at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gran-
ville Murray, where a number of friends
wished the happy couple all happiness and
prosperity, and the usual toasts were
honoured.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Parren left for
Repulse Bay, where the honeymoon is
being spent. The bride's going-away
dress was of beige lace over nut-brown
georgette with hat en suite.

SELLARS—HAMILTON.

A very pretty wedding took place
yesterday afternoon at the Peak Church,
when Miss Isabel White Hamilton, daugh-
ter of Mr. Archibald Hamilton, of Glas-
gow, was married to Mr. George Wash-
ington Sellars, of Messrs. Mackinnon,
Mackenzie and Company.

The bride, who was given away by Mr.
C. Garvin Mackie, was charmingly dress-
ed in white georgette, with pearl dia-
mond trimmings, and hat to match, and
carried a bouquet of pink roses and white
chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid was
Miss Rosemary Patricia Galloway, who
was also attired in white and carried a
bouquet of pink roses.

Mr. A. M. Howat was "best man," and
the ceremony was conducted by the Rev.
J. Kirk Macdonald.

After the ceremony a reception was
held at Craig Rynie, The Peak, the home
of Mr. Mackie.

The bride's going-away dress was of
tulle, and the honeymoon will be spent at
Repulse Bay and Fanling.

ASPECTS OF ENGLISH LAW.

MR. JUSTICE GOMPERTZ'S
LECTURE.

The development of the English law
system was outlined by Mr. Justice Gom-
pertz in a lecture entitled "Some Aspects
of Early Law," given yesterday evening
at the Helena May Institute.

Sir Claud Severn, who presided, said
that everyone was interested in law.
They all found their way to His Majesty's
courts sooner or later in some way.

Mr. Gompertz said the lecture had been
described on the posters as "law from
a lighter aspect," but he was not sure
whether law had many light aspects. At
one time there were two vice-chancellors
in the High Courts, one of whom was
named Bacon. When the other vice-
chancellor was sitting one day, a litigant,
being dissatisfied with his decision, threw
an egg at him. It missed and smashed
on the wall. "Ah!" he exclaimed, "I
think that must have been for my brother
Bacon." (Laughter.)

English law came from a Teutonic and
Scandinavian source, while Scottish law
was derived from old Roman law, with
the curious result that an English barris-
ter was less at home in a Scottish Court
than a French barrister would be. The
Channel Islands, too, had their own legal
code, which dated back to the time
before the Conquest. These little islands
maintained their independence—whisky
was practically free, there was but little
duty on cigarettes and there was no in-
come tax.

An Englishman once asked an Islander
why it was that they could speak French,
and during the long years of war between
England and France the islands never
went to France. The reply was that their
Duke conquered part of France, then
Duke William conquered England, and
though during the years they had lost a
lot of French possessions, they had never
given up their domination of England.
(Laughter.)

There had never been any connected
history of English law, said the lecturer.
Nobody had been able to codify it like
the great Indian Penal Code. In
Criminal Law they got the blood feud,
and at a later stage vengeance began to
appeal only to a limited circle, as in the
vendetta in Corsica.

One of the early difficulties the Courts
experienced was that of getting the plain-
tiffs to appear. Following the feud came
the trial by battle, which was introduced
by the Conqueror, and abolished by law
in the 15th century.

The old saying "an eye for an eye and
a tooth for a tooth" was once put before
a well-known Scottish worthy, and his
reply was that it would never have done
for Scotland. "No Scotsman would ever
have thought of taking less than two eyes
and two teeth."

Mr. Gompertz then spoke of trial by
ordeal, and trial by jury. The lecturer
described the methods employed in ordeal
trials, and pointed out that this system
lasted up to 1819, just before Queen Vic-
toria came to the throne.

The origin of trial by jury was very
obscure. It was a popular process, and
no one thought of writing about it.

At the conclusion, Sir Claud Severn
proposed a vote of thanks.

BATTLE BETWEEN CONVICTS
AND GUARDS.

SIX KILLED AT COLOANNE.

The story of a desperate bid for
liberty by fifteen prisoners in the Portu-
guese convict settlement at Colonne, is
reported from Macao.

It appears that in the early hours of
Saturday morning a band of convicts,
taking advantage of the guards being
asleep, crawled to where they were and
seized their rifles and other arms. The
guards, however, awoke and began to
offer resistance with the result that the
escaping convicts opened fire, killing a
Sergeant and another guard and wound-
ing others.

Another detachment of guards came on
the scene, and discovering the attempted
escape, began shooting and killed four
of the convicts, but the remainder manag-
ed to escape into the bush.

News of the escape was taken to Taipa,
and then to the authorities at Macao,
who sent to the island a squadron of
soldiers to recapture the men. The
soldiers searched the island and soon
came upon the convicts, whom they sur-
rounded. The men surrendered and were
taken back to the settlement.

MORE DOGS IN TROUBLE.

THREE FRESH CASES OF BITES
REPORTED.

Three forlorn dogs are languishing at
Kennedy Town under observation, and
three people, whom they were misguided
enough to bite, are being tended at the
Government Civil Hospital.

The first four-legged offender belongs to
Mr. Carvalho, of No. 3, May Road, and
on Sunday he put his teeth into a house-
boy employed close by. The second canine
suspect bit a Chinese girl in the left leg
in Mosque Street, and the third, belong-
ing to a Japanese of Arsenal Street,
attacked his master's little daughter.

CABLES.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE EGYPTIAN OUTRAGE.

39 ARRESTED PERSONS RELEASED.

CAIRO, December 14th.

Nineteen of the forty-two persons arrested on the 27th and 28th ult. have been released, the evidence being deemed insufficient.

The released persons include Makramah and two other Deputies.

The Ministry of the Interior intends to further charge Makramah with making incendiary speeches. The remainder of the arrested persons are to appear in court to-morrow.

The authorities are of the opinion that investigations of the outrage are proceeding satisfactorily, but the enquiry is necessarily prolonged.

LATEST CABLES.

STUDENTS REGAIN LIBERTY.

ALEXANDRIA, December 15th.

The fourteen students and others arrested on December 1st, in connection with a seditious circular, have been released.

FRANCE'S DEBTS TO AMERICA.

NEGOTIATIONS TEMPORARILY STOPPED.

LONDON, December 15th.

The Westminster Gazette understands from Paris that M. Herriot has telegraphed ordering M. Jusseland to abstain from negotiations in regard to the Franco-American debt pending the arrival of his successor.

REPORTED DISORDERS AND BLOODSHED AT MOSCOW.

TROTSKY'S ALLEGED DEFECTION.

BERLIN, December 15th.

The Montgomery declares that it is privately reported from Moscow, whence news is strictly censored, that there were serious disorders and bloodshed following the departure for Crimea of Trotsky who, it is alleged, now opposes the Soviet.

FRENCH PREMIER'S ILLNESS.

RESIGNATION POSSIBLE.

PARIS, December 15th.

Even the Government Press to-day admits that M. Herriot's illness may compel him to resign. The doctors hope that M. Herriot will be able to leave his bed in ten days' time, but it is doubtful whether he will then be fit to tackle immediately the many difficult and urgent problems, including the Budget, the Allied Finance Conference, and the Franco-German commercial negotiations. M. Herriot's personality is largely responsible for the workable alliance of the Radicals and Socialists and his vacation of the office would necessitate a difficult task to his successor.

The names of MM. Painleve and Briand are mentioned in such an eventuality.

SHIPS COLLIDE ON THE SCHELT.

FLUSHING, December 14th.

The American steamer *Manhattan Island*, outward bound, and the German motor-boat *Rhineland*, bound from Antwerp to China, came into collision on the River Scheldt. The damage to the American ship is unknown, but the *Rhineland's* damage was slight, and she is proceeding on her voyage.

EARLIER CABLES.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. CHAMBERLAIN AND M. CLEMENTEL.

PARIS, December 14th.

Le Journal says that, in the course of a conversation with M. Clementel, Minister of Finance, yesterday, Mr. Austen Chamberlain stated that the British Government would reserve its decision with regard to the Geneva Protocol until the Dominions were consulted. M. Clementel declared that France had no intention of settling her debts with America without consulting Great Britain.

AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING STRIKE.

BASIS OF SETTLEMENT.

MELBOURNE, December 14th.

The basis of the settlement of the shipping strike is an agreement that the Sydney Ex-Service Men's Labour Bureau be abolished by February 28th, 1925; that its members be allowed to join the Waterside Workers' Federation with full union benefit; that all the orders and awards of the Arbitration Court be obeyed both in letter and spirit; and that in the event of future disputes there will be no stoppages and sympathetic strikes until decision is taken by a properly constituted body.

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE AT GENEVA.

"THE CENTRE OF RESISTANCE."

LONDON, December 14th.

Referring to the opium deadlock at Geneva, *The Observer* says that in the supposed interest of the Convention already reached, to which the experts attach very little value, the discussion of the British and American proposals, submitted by an exceptionally authoritative American delegation, is being resisted. The centre of resistance is India's British representative, presumably instructed from Whitehall. "That is not a position we can creditably maintain under the keen scrutiny of American and world opinion, and we trust that early instructions will be sent for its abandonment," says *The Observer*.

A CONDEMNATION OF THE BRITISH ATTITUDE.

LONDON, December 15th.

An outspoken article is published in the *Daily News* deploring the events at the Opium Conference at Geneva, in which the opinion is expressed that the Empire is coming out of it anything but well. Mr. H. Wilson Harris says that while America is co-operating with the League unreservedly her efforts have failed because Anglo-American co-operation is lacking, partly because opium is a vested interest in certain regions of the British Empire. He refers to the heavy revenue from opium in the Straits Settlements as a strong financial argument for the continuance of smoking. Mr. Harris expresses the opinion that the Hague Convention has been assiduously whittled away instead of strengthened, while the new convention is tantamount to an agreement for the perpetuation of opium smoking in the Far East.

He concludes by lamenting the apathy and ignorance on the opium question in the House of Commons.

"MANCHESTER GUARDIAN" DEPLORES INDIAN STAND.

LONDON, December 15th.

The *Manchester Guardian*, in a leader, while admitting that even if the Government of India had sacrificed the 3 per cent. of its revenues drawn from opium, and stopped exporting, the world situation would not be decisively improved, in view of the fact that countries like Turkey and Persia might still be active, and China still able to provide smugglers with generous cargoes—suggests that in view of the importance of the presence of the Americans at the Geneva Conference it would have been wiser and juster had the Indian delegation not dug itself in behind a barrier of technicalities. The newspaper also says that there is still time to change the policy.

SPAIN'S CAMPAIGN IN MOROCCO.

FRANCE WANTS TO KNOW SPAIN'S INTENTIONS.

PARIS, December 14th.

Le Petit Parisien's correspondent at Madrid reports that he understands that France has asked Spain her intentions with regard to the part of Spanish Morocco which the Spanish troops are evacuating.

GERMAN CABINET.

ANXIOUS TO LEARN THE POWERS' VIEWS.

BERLIN, December 14th.

The German Ambassadors at London, Paris and Rome have been summoned to Berlin to report the views of Great Britain, France and Italy with regard to the construction of the new German Cabinet.

CHILEAN CABINET RESIGNS.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Dec. 14th.

The Cabinet has resigned and the military "Junta" has been dissolved.

LATEST CABLES.

ENGLAND'S TEST TEAM.

STRONG SIDE SELECTED FOR FIRST GAME.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 15th.

The English team for the first Test, to be played on the 19th, is: Gilligan, Chapman, Hobbs, Hearne, Woolley, Strudwick, Sandham, Hearne (1), Sutcliffe, Tate, and Freeman.

(Presumably the cable is in error, as Hearne's name appears twice in the list of the selected eleven.)

LATER.

There was no play to-day, owing to rain.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. COOTE, M.P.

LONDON, December 15th.

Mr. William Coote, M.P. for South Tyrone, died, after collapsing at a meeting in Belfast.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MORE MANDATES.

PROVISIONAL CONSTITUTION IN DANGER.

PEKING, December 15th.

A Mandate is expected soon, dissolving Parliament, and denouncing the Tiao Kuo Constitution. It will probably also abolish the Provisional Constitution, which otherwise might be considered to operate.

TSAO KUN'S TREASURER SHOT.

PEKING, December 15th.

Li Yen Ching, Tsao Kun's private treasurer, was escorted by a military guard to Tienchao, near the Temple of Heaven, this morning, where he was shot.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

REPORTED FLIGHT OF TUAN CHI JUI.

SHANGHAI, December 15th.

The *North-China Daily News* publishes a report to the effect that Tuan Chi Jui (the Chief Executive) has fled from Peking.

The report has not yet been confirmed.

GRAVE REPORTS FROM NANKING.

SHANGHAI, December 15th.

It is reported that mutinies and disturbances have broken out at Nanking.

CHI HSIEH YUAN.

SHANGHAI, December 15th.

It is expected that Chi Hsieh Yuan will arrive at Shanghai to-day.

Wen Shih Tsen, interviewed, said that he resigned with Chi Hsieh Yuan.

LU YUNG HSIAO'S APPOINTMENT CRITICISED.

PEKING, December 14th.

Several Chinese papers criticise the appointment of Lu Yung Hsiang, saying that while no one doubts the necessity to remove Chi Hsieh Yuan, whose administration has not been good, there are a number of other officers who would have served the Government's purpose equally well, and it would not be wise to send him back to Yangtze amid the smouldering ashes of a former hatred, which looks like an act of revenge.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE WRECK OF THE "KWANTO MARU."

52 BODIES RECOVERED: 41 PERSONS MISSING.

Tokyo, December 14th.

The total of the ship's company on the *Kwantō Maru* when she was wrecked in a blizzard was 207, as 57 more boarded her at Kure and Maizuru.

Those saved number 111. The dead recovered number 52, and 44 persons are still missing.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

"LA MAISON FRANCO-JAPONAISE."

Tokyo, December 14th.

This afternoon, in the presence of the Premier, Foreign and Education Ministers, and many notables, there was inaugurated "La Maison Franco-Japonaise," a centre of study for the two nations, to which among the donors are the French and Japanese Governments, which have promised subsidies.

OBITUARY.

GENERAL AOKI.

Tokyo, December 14th.

The death is announced of Lieut. General Aoki, ex-Military Attaché at Peking and ex-Adviser to the Chinese Government.

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BRITISH GOLFERS' SUCCESS.

TOURISTS DEFEAT AMERICA'S PRIDE IN FLORIDA.

St. Augustine, Fla., Dec. 15th.

In a 36 holes golf match Duncan and Mitchell defeated Hagen and Barzen by 4 and 3.

CHING EMPEROR INTERVIEWED.

HIS OWN STORY OF HIS EVICTION.

AGREEMENT HE WOULD NOT SIGN.

DESIROUS OF GOING ABROAD.

The Peking correspondent of the N.C. Daily News writing on November 29th says:—

After making two futile attempts to see the Ching Emperor, I was successful in gaining an interview on Saturday. The first occasion was on the day following Dr. C. T. Wang's assertion that he was not a prisoner, but simply a ward of state, a description I found to be a very euphemistic definition of a condition which allowed the ex-Emperor not the slightest liberty of action. The second occasion succeeded the changing of the guard attached to the Emperor's residence, his father's, Prince Chun's, house. As a result of the withdrawal of Feng Yu-hsiang's soldiers and the substitution of police by order of Tuan Chi-jui, the head of the Manchou House had been able to pay a few visits, and it happened to go while he was away. On Saturday he received me, and assured me that he was at last a free agent.

The Emperor received me in the inner courtyard of his father's house. There was not the slightest ceremony. He was dressed in a green tunic with breeches and puttees of the same colour, and wore a double-breasted overcoat. His Majesty hardly looked his 19 years, especially when he laughed; he is entirely unaffected and happy as a schoolboy at the prospect of a vacation. No wonder he felt happy! The previous day he had seen Peking for the first time in his life, and even though the experience was from the recesses of his car, it must have been as pleasurable as a caged bird's first flutter of liberty.

The schoolboyishness persisted after the Emperor, having shaken hands cordially, conducted me into one of the apartments. On his desk was a Chinese paper, which contained a photograph of a person supposed to be the Emperor, but which bore no resemblance to him. He laughed gaily as he handed the paper to Mr. Johnston, and asked him to point out the likeness. It was not the first time I gathered that this particular photograph had done duty for that of the Emperor. Of all the newspaper readers victimized in this way—and they are legion—the Ching Emperor is probably the only one to appreciate the joke, for he does not care for publicity, and his photographs are very, very seldom given out for reproduction. It was a good opportunity for a request for one of these prized possessions, and I was agreeably surprised to have it granted. It was evidently an offering to his freedom.

STORY OF THE ARREST.

In view of the many different stories which have been circulated concerning his eviction from the Forbidden City, I asked His Majesty if he would give me an account of what actually occurred. "At 11 o'clock, on November 5th," he said, "Generals Lu Chung-lin and Chang Pi (two of Feng Yu-hsiang's officers) came to the palace with several hundred armed men and said they wanted to see me at once. They were introduced by Shao Ying, the Comptroller of the Palace, who asked them to state their business. They said I must leave the palace by three o'clock, otherwise they would not be responsible for the consequences. They made it appear that the people demanded that I should leave the palace, and they said that if I did not do so, there would be a popular outbreak aimed at myself and my family. Their demands, they said, were made solely to appease the clamour of the people outside the gates of the palace. Then they produced a document which they said was a revision of the Abdication Agreement. It declared that I renounced my title and the palace also, for a consideration of \$500,000 a year, the agreement relative to the Imperial allowance of \$4,000,000 a year. I did not sign that paper, whatever may be said to the contrary."

NEW AGREEMENT NOT ACCEPTED.

In further conversation I was informed that it is not necessary according to Chinese practice for such a document to be signed. On this occasion, the officers did not press for the Emperor's signature; at the point of the bayonet, they forced his acquiescence to the obligation that he should leave the palace at once.

While this was being explained to me, the Emperor added "Already a great many of my personal belongings have been stolen."

"Do you accept this agreement," I asked. "No," was the answer, "I do not. It was forced on me, it was the work of a small cabinet put in by Feng Yu-hsiang which was functioning in the absence of both Parliament and President. In these circumstances I cannot recognize it. It is absolutely illegal."

"You would agree to a revision of the Abdication Agreement?"

"Oh yes!" was the Emperor's reply. "I simply ask that such revision be done in the proper way, that I be accorded courteous treatment. Up to now, I have been a prisoner. Now that Tuan Chi-jui and Chang Tso-lin have taken an interest in the matter, I have been allowed my freedom. There are no restrictions as to my movements, beyond the understandable precaution of a police escort."

His Majesty declined to be questioned on the subject of the revision of the agreement. He said it was "not exactly being discussed yet," but he could not say anything further in view of the fact that the attitude of both Tuan Chi-jui and Chang Tso-lin had not yet been made public.

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AEROPLANES FOR CHINA.

SEIZED IN COLOMBO ON GERMAN SHIP.

The *Times of Ceylon* of November 27th states:—

That the traffic in contraband cargo by German steamers to China is still being carried on is shown by the seizure in Colombo Harbour on a German steamer last night of four aeroplanes, which are consigned to a Chinese firm in Tientsin. The German steamer *Pfalz*, belonging to the N.D.L., arrived in Colombo from German ports yesterday morning on her way to Japan. At Genoa, when the vessel called, four aeroplanes were taken on board from an Italian firm for a Chinese concern in Tientsin.

No search was apparently made immediately the steamer arrived since, if such was done, the aeroplanes, which were packed in pieces and stacked in the hold of the vessel, would surely have been discovered then. The statement that the local authorities had received definite instructions from the British Consular representative in Genoa intimating that the *Pfalz* was conveying the aeroplanes to Tientsin should, therefore, be true. Acting presumably on the information received, the Colombo Customs authorities searched the ship last night, and in the course of the search discovered the various parts of the four machines. Believing that there might be ammunition and arms, too, consigned to China, the Customs party undertook a very careful search of all cargoes, much to the annoyance and inconvenience of the members of the ship's crew. Nothing, beyond the aeroplanes, however, was found.

The aeroplanes were this morning landed and stored in the Wharf for inspection, which was to have been made in the course of the afternoon.

In connection with the landing of the machines, a representative of the *Times of Ceylon* saw the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, Principal Collector of Customs, but was unable to obtain further information except the statement that the four aeroplanes had been landed for inspection.

ANGLO-IRISH BISHOP'S OFFER TO OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

In an address in the new Liverpool Cathedral on November 2nd, the Bishop of Liverpool invited members of the Free Churches and the Greek Orthodox Church to take part in the cathedral service. Assistance would, he said, be given to every man who pursued unflinchingly the quest for truth which was the quest for God. Every minister with the care of souls would be called upon to exercise his office at the holy table of the cathedral once in every four years.

He was eloquent, however, on the subject of his desire for freedom. "I was almost a prisoner in the palace, and I am really glad to be away from it. The court I had to maintain was corrupt and effete, as well as anomalous. But it seemed bound to me. Now I am free. I want to go abroad, to see the world, to improve my education. The old life was thoroughly bad. Now that the restrictions have been removed, now that I am free, I should like to go to Mukden, then I should like to go to Japan, and after that I want to see the Western world."

The Emperor's mind is full of thoughts of travel abroad. He has not even considered what he wants to do after he has made the tour. I asked him if he would eventually settle down again in Peking. But it seemed that that point has not yet been discussed, and the Chinese tutor, the famous Chinese scholar, Chen Pao-chen, who was present at the interview, said there were other considerations. Besides the Emperor's predilections, considering his remarks about foreign travel, the Emperor said he would like to compare foreign institutions with Chinese institutions. He is interested mainly in history and archaeology, and would be quite happy in pursuing these studies abroad, and enjoying life in Western countries, until China is again at peace.

"AN INTERNATIONAL INSULT."

I had refrained up to this time from mentioning the name by which the Ching Emperor is now known in the Chinese newspapers, Mr. Pu Yi. In a house which contained many Manchu notables, all princes and titled persons, it was difficult to appreciate a position which gave the name "Mr." to the head of that family of princes of the blood.

Now, however, I asked the Emperor what he thought about the reduction of his title. "It was designed to be an insult to me," he said. "That is my personal name. I am Pu Yi, my brother is Pu Chieh. My father's family name is Tsai, with a second name which is his own personal name. Hitherto, this personal name of mine has never been used. All the Manchou and Mongol nobles still retain their titles, while I am reduced to my personal name. That seems illogical."

As a final question, I asked the Emperor to tell me what were his hobbies. He replied for the first time in English. "I like music," Mr. Johnston explained, and he had always been fond of music, and was now taking to foreign music, for which he had a good ear. His Majesty did not add any further information in English, for, although, of course, he understood it, he naturally prefers to talk in Chinese. Mr. Johnston told me that sometimes he asks the Emperor to talk for an hour in English, but after the first few minutes, he relapses into Chinese. The Emperor has had an excellent Chinese education, but seems more the out-of-door type than the student. He does not look the type of young man to be shut up in a palace.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

DR. SUN AND BOLSHIEVISM.

Word has reached Canton that Dr. Sun Yat Sen, on December 12th, sent to Peking from Tientsin Mr. Wang Ching Wei, his personal delegate, to assure Tuan Chi Jui, Chief Executive, that he, Dr. Sun, while opposing "imperialism," will not promote Bolshevism. Whether this announcement will assure him a welcome to Peking or not is being watched locally with no little interest.

BUYING SECURITY.

The Kuomintang in Canton has guaranteed the manufacturers of fire-crackers that they will not be interfered with in their business if they make a contribution of \$100,000 to Dr. Sun Yat Sen's war chest. The Tai Shing Company will be held responsible for the collection of this sum from the manufacturers.

A number of the larger fish-mongers in Canton are suffering from the effect of a constant change of officials in the Kuomintang régime. A year ago, when the Red General Headquarters attempted to levy a tax on fish sales, the dealers finally succeeded in having it cancelled upon making a contribution of a lump sum of \$70,000 to Dr. Sun Yat Sen's war chest, the fish-mongers in a large way of business advancing the cash in advance on the understanding that they would be permitted to assess the smaller fry proportionately until the \$70,000 and incidentals attached to the service were refunded. It appears from a dispute over the refunding now before the authorities for settlement, that the new *taifu*, or party leaders, have very little recollection or reference of the case and are now unable to assist the larger fish-mongers in enforcing their claims.

INCREASED TAXATION.

The wine and tobacco merchants are petitioning for a postponement of the increase of 80 per cent. on the present tax, and the authorities have referred the matter to the Commissary of Finance for action and report. Wine and tobacco are regarded as luxuries and the public do not mind the taxation very much in normal times, but times are in Canton harder now for rich and poor than they have ever been.

The Kuomintang authorities in Canton have refused the petition of the Canton residents, headed by Mr. Chow Kai Ming, for the removal of the 20 per cent. increase in water rates.

The Canton Industrial Union is asking the Kuomintang to modify their revenue stamp regulations in a manner which will cause less annoyance to the merchants. Unemployed Bolshevists acting as revenue inspectors without salary but on commission from fines levied on delinquents are causing no little vexation in the business community.

OPIUM SALE INDUCEMENTS.

The Opium Bureau of the Kuomintang, reorganized at Canton, on December 11th, is offering 8 per cent. for cash payment in all retail sales in order to attract patrons. Opium is selling at \$4.50 and \$5 a tael according to grade and is paid in small pottery or tin jars.

THE RAILWAY.

The Canton-Kowloon Railway Chinese Section, is now practically a part of the Red Army organisation in Canton. With the exception of four trains daily between Canton and Shektau stations, the military authorities control the line. The daily receipts do not amount to \$50 nowadays.

A DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ABOLISHED.

The authorities in Canton have informed the Magistrate of Kowloon District on the West River to dissolve the District Assembly there in order to prevent representative citizens from deliberating on local questions. Until military law is abolished, the Kuomintang chiefs will not permit the resumption of local self-government, it is stated.

REPATRIATING DISCHARGED ALIEN SOLDIERS.

To prevent discharged ex-service mercenaries who are weak and unemployed from dying of cold and starvation in Canton this winter, the Canton Police will repatriate as many Yunnanese and other non-Cantonese as funds permit. It requires from \$80 to \$100 to send a discharged mercenary soldier home.

THE SILK INDUSTRY.

The Canton authorities are ordering the magistrates of Hsuehghua and Shun-tak districts to organize silk industrial reforming bureaux. As experts and funds are necessary to undertake silk reforms, it is not believed that a mere order to the magistrates will produce any result, according to a local merchant interested in silk reform.

THE "HOK CANTON" PRISONERS.

The 15 innocent passengers of the s.s. *Hok Canton*, a steamer plying between Kwang Chow Wan and Canton under the Chilean flag, which was captured a month ago by gunboat *Fung Fung* on suspicion of smuggling, will be released by the authorities in Canton on bail furnished by their relatives. No case has been found against them so far, but the Chinese officers of the steamer will be held for trial. The Reds have failed to return to the consignees the \$27,000 in specie and other goods captured. Most of the consignees are residents in Hongkong, where the steamer was expected to call before her capture by the Reds.

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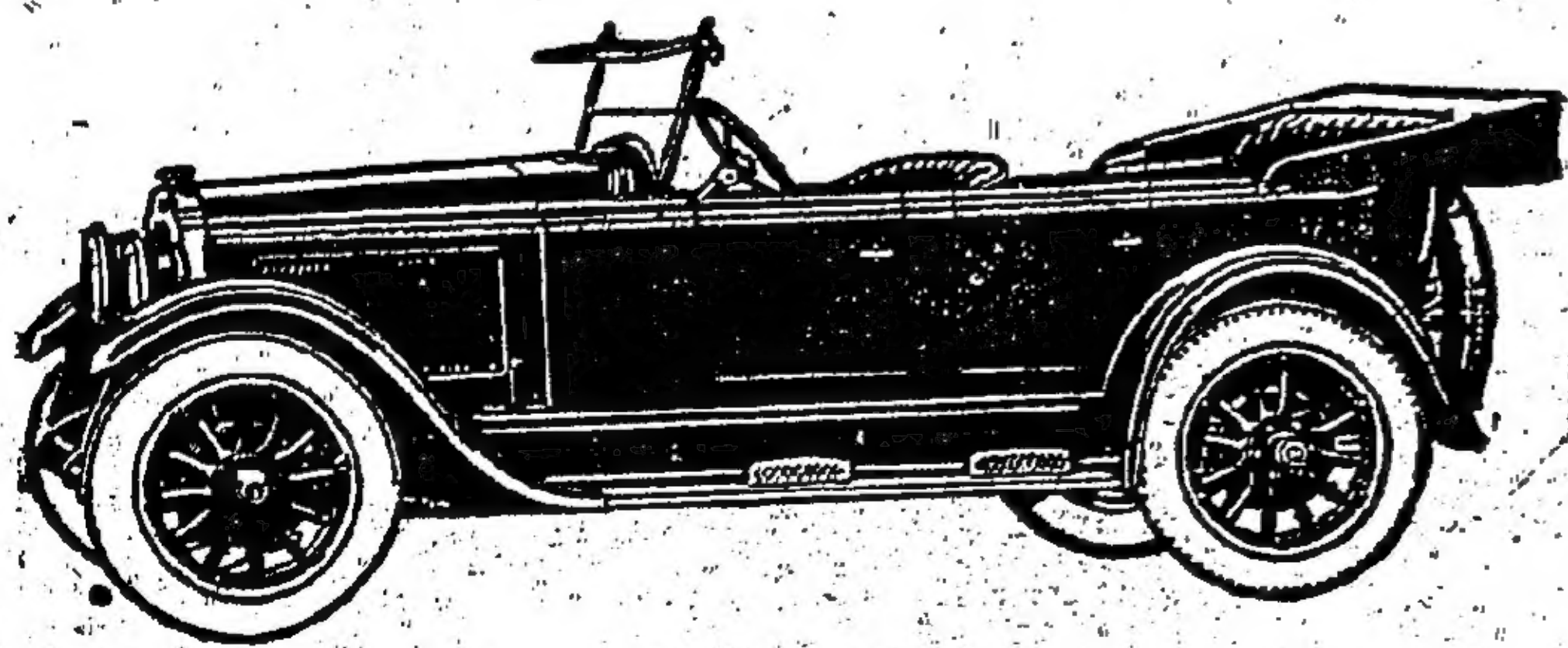
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PARIS FASHION NOTES. NEW-WINTER STYLES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT,
ISABEL RAMSAY.)

PARIS, November 11th.
The Winter collections are appearing in the salons of the style creators, and though the general line of the new garments is the same as those presented in the Autumn openings there is a development, and a refinement is observable in the latest models which makes them significant and particularly interesting. Just as the Creator tried his hand on Adam before he made Eve, so the style creators try their hand on the Autumn fashions and finally evolve from them the ultimate perfection of the Winter models, which are the ones that serve the real Parisienne through the social season that begins with the October races and finishes with the January balls just before the season begins on the Côte d'Azur.

The straight line, the Directoire and Chinese influence, and the use of rich fabrics characterize the winter styles. The sheath is still the type of gown, but the best of the *couturiers* have found many ways of varying it and of enlarging its narrow skirt to something like comfortable proportions. Taking the typical evening-gown as an example, we find many of the most subtle variations introduced. The classic evening-gown remains the beaded sheath. This was true last summer and even last Spring, but given this general truism, subtle changes of line have crept in. The sheath last spring was sack-shaped, hanging loosely from the shoulders, fitting the hips loosely, and reaching to the ankles. Now the sheath is fitted closely over the bust and even below it, giving through this fitting the indication of the Empire waist-line without cutting the figure with a demarcation. The skirt length is much shorter, from twelve to eighteen inches above the floor and, not content with this, the *couturiers* have further liberated the limbs by cutting the hem into deep points. This fashion has proved so revealing that garters have become an important article of evening jewelry. This, however, seems rather extreme to a number of ladies, so the *couturiers* have been forced to recant a little. They have done this gracefully by introducing an under flounce, which, though cut in points like the hem of the skirt, has the points placed so as to fill in the spaces left by the demarcated hem. One, two or three of the flounces are often used, thus preserving the modesty of these charming evening-gowns, while at the same time making them comfortable and decorative for dancing. The colour is more frequently used in the evening clothes are light and delicate. Fashion's word is that "Black looks poverty-stricken in the evening," and accordingly everyone wears light colours. Usually these light colours are interpreted in crepes, georgettes, lined of course, crepe de chine, crepe satin, crepe Romain and Nicolette; in fact, any of the hand-some silk crepes are perfectly the thing for these evening gowns. The favourite trimming continues to be the bead, the sequels, or strass. Strass is the most magnificent, but it was a little overworked last winter and so is not as good this year. However, it has its points and when it is used to express a charming design, it is irrefragable. One example is a gown of rose pink crepe satin embroidered with brilliant—a flock of comets is the design. The comets seem to pursue each other about the robe, with astonishing sweeps of their tails, which are made of graded brilliants really for all the world like the portraits of comets to be found in the *Astronomy* books. Another fascinating design worked out in multi-coloured strass depicts fireworks, with shooting stars of green, red, red fireballs and falling sparks of violet and yellow and blue. It is really very amusing.

More modest, but quite as elegant, are the pale tinted gowns embroidered in pearl or crystal beads. These often form long stripes, meeting the upper points of the demarcated skirt, and dividing the figure into long panels, which give height and slenderness in effect. Coloured beads are also used, mostly in crystal. One particularly charming model was of white crepe satin embroidered in ruby coloured beads. Another white gown embroidered in coral has had an immense success.

Turning from the evening gowns to their accompanying wraps, we find still the delicate colours, but in velvets or metallic cloths and broadens. The classic form for the wrap is the narrow, straight cape, with more or less of a collar, which is usually of the same material as the cape. As these capes are often shirred or gathered about the shoulders, it is logical that the collar should be shirred or ruffled about the neck, and that is what they usually are. Point features shirring particularly, and several of his evening wraps show the cord shirring extending from the neck of the cape down to the hip level, while several other designers make wraps shirred down on to the shoulders. Many of these wraps are reversible, being of velvet (either the light chiffon velvet of natural silk or the new panne velvet made with artificial silk pile) on one side, and of a lamé brocade or a crepe-textured gold cloth on the other. It is notable that velvet seldom appears in the gowns, although it is very frequently used in the wraps.

Dressy afternoon gowns usually take the sheath gown as their point of departure, but a number of them depart from it quite a distance. It is in this type of gown that the circular cutting of skirts still appears, and to the best advantage. The circular flare is not so marked as it was last winter, and consequently multiple godets do not appear, but the flare is used in reduced form, and goes to add grace to many a figure. Some designers who are particularly devoted to the narrow silhouette assure this by making their circular skirts actually tunics, which entirely cover the skirt beneath. For example, there are a great many gowns which have the flat back but a

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Long, tight sleeves or no sleeves at all, is the rule in the smart clothes of to-day, the idea being to make of the arm a single long unbroken line which will harmonize with the long unbroken lines of the gown. The dressiest afternoon gowns have no sleeves, like the evening gowns. A few have an apology for a sleeve in the form of a long scarf wrapped closely round and round the arm, partially covering it but carrying out the long line. The majority of gowns, however, for a non-dancing tea, say, or for bridge and mah-jong parties, have the full-length sleeve which descends on to the hands in a mitten effect.

Neck-lines vary considerably, but tone rule seems invariable—they are never cut low in front. The most extreme of the evening gowns are deeply cut out in the back—often in a V, sometimes in a U shape—and this décolletage can be higher or lower as the wearer's taste dictates. Actually, the most modern thing is to wear a rather high décolletage, round or V shaped, except on really full-dress occasions. The afternoon-gowns have rather high necks—often round, sometimes V shaped—and some of the long-sleeved gowns have high collars which mount to the ears. These are, in appearance, the smartest thing going, but one must be very devoted to fashion to be willing to imprison the neck in a mounting collar, which, though never stiff, is none the less a bit constraining after the long freedom that our necks have enjoyed. Most women prefer to give the close effect about the neck by wearing their pearls tight about the throat, often placing them as high as possible under the chin. We are still trying to discover how the pearls stay there. Perhaps they are held in place, like the planets about the sun, by centrifugal force. Perhaps a hidden bit of court-plaster does the trick, or perhaps the ladies who wear them there are really willing to suffer for beauty and endure the sensations of slow strangulation in order to keep the pearls well placed.

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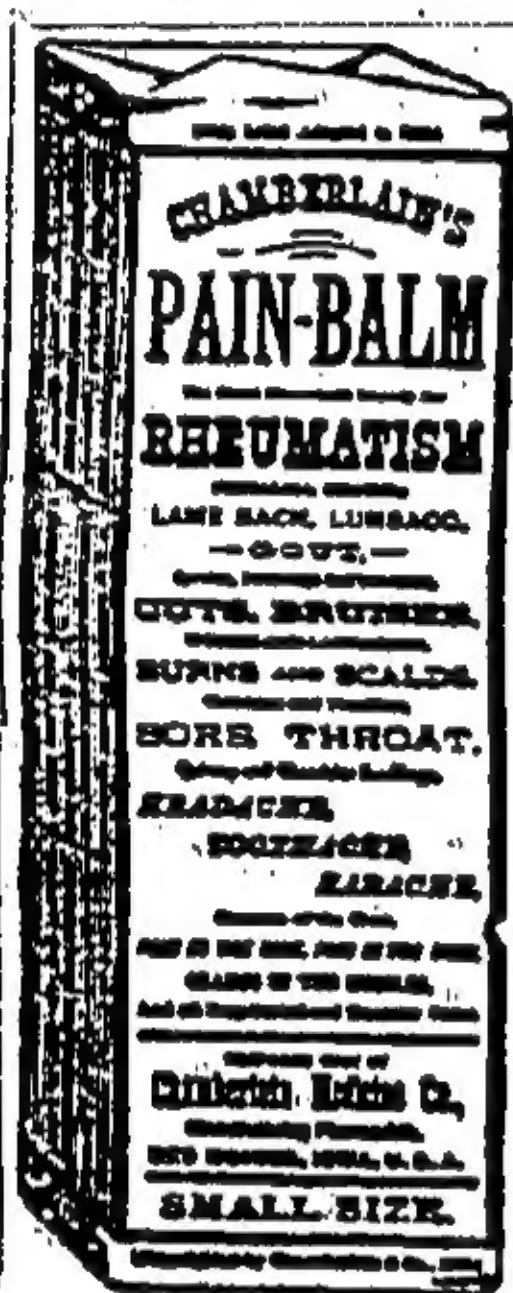
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EXPLOITS.During the Fifth Assembly of the League
of Nations there was in Geneva one of our
greatest novelists getting copy for a new
novel, and one of our most distinguished
London dramatic critics getting material
for a comic opera. Had these two dis-
tinguished people remained a little longer
in Calvin's city they might have collected
a good deal of material for their respective
works, both in adventure and comedy.
Although there was a good deal that was
of interest to a novelist of fiction or a
dramatist of comic opera during the As-
sembly of the League of Nations, there
was not such a living character to finish up
a story or a comedy as has just now been
revealed in the police-courts of Geneva.A young damsel, aged 24, hailing from
Zurich, arrived in Geneva from Paris last
spring. She was very good looking and
well dressed, and altogether most present-
able. It was not long before she made the
acquaintance of a young man, a Genevese
official, to whom she confided that her name
was Miss Dolores van Hattel, that she was
an American, and that she left home
because her people wanted her to marry an
ordinary rich Yankee, a captain in the
United States army, whom she did not
love, and therefore would not marry; that
she came to Geneva for the purpose of
waiting until she was of age, when she
would be entitled to be her own mistress
and in possession of about \$40,000,000.The young Genevese official naturally was
very much attracted by Dolores, and
particularly by the \$40,000,000. Accord-
ingly he introduced her to his people, and
she was invited by them to their home,
where she took up her abode, and, of course,
became engaged to the young official. The
young heiress was then introduced to many
of the patrician families in Geneva, and was
treated like a "dollar princess." The
marriage of the young couple was fixed for
the end of November this year, and, as
money was going to be of no consideration
to their future happiness, the heiress bought
a beautiful villa on the shore of the Lake
of Geneva, of course on credit. For this
villa choice carpets, china, linen, and three
motor-cars were bought, and, in fact, not
only all the necessities of life but also the
luxuries of life were to be installed. So
impressed were the Genevese aristocratic
families with Dolores and her forty million
dollars that they could not make too much
of her, and during the last six months it is
said she conquered the hearts of even the
hardest Calvinistic families.As the marriage was soon to take place
it was necessary that, at any rate, a few
million dollars should be transferred from
the United States to some bank in Geneva,
in order to pay for the villa, motor-cars,
jewellery, and other little things, which
were ordered for the wedding. The
parents of the future husband of Dolores
thought it advisable that she should get
some bank of repute in Geneva to make
arrangements for the transfer of the money.
Dolores therefore went to a well-known
bank here, and saw a bank clerk who had
been in the United States for over fifteen
years, and consequently knew all about
money transactions in the States. He
questioned the young girl about her
fortune in the States, and was puzzled to
find that she did not seem to understand
anything about the matter. He became
suspicious, and consulted one of the direc-
tors of the bank, who thereupon warned
some of the firm with whom the young
heiress had been dealing. In consequence
the police authorities were wakened up,
and it was not long before they discovered
that the girl was a domestic servant, and
was for some time in the service of several
families in Geneva; that her name was
Sophie Kaufmann, a German-Swiss; and
that she had been deported from France
for stealing.She was arrested and taken to prison,
but, as all the property purchased by her
has been returned to the owners, and as no
one has come forward with any criminal
charge against her, the case has been
treated as a huge joke, and no one laughs
more over this damsel's adventures than
the Genevese themselves, especially as the
so-called patricians are supposed to be so
exclusive.

A RULE-OF-THREE SUM.

"HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO CIVILISE
MAN?"I have received from a correspondent,
(says the Editor of the Medical Press and
Circular) an interesting paper on the
evolution of the horse. The author won-
ders how many of those who frequent
race meetings realise that it has taken
some three million years (others say six
million) to evolve the thoroughbred from
its primitive ancestor of the Eocene
period, to which Professor Owen, its dis-
coverer, gave the name of Hyracotherium.
This little creature was no more than
eleven inches high and it roamed
about the marshy regions of Kent, where
its fossil remains have been found. Pro-
fessor Osborn estimates that "it took
one million years to eliminate the fifth
digit of the horse, and two million more
to accomplish the reduction of the internal
toes representing the second and the
fourth digits, and the consequent form
of the feet of the modern horses, which,
in embryo, still show traces of these lost
digits."My correspondent pertinently asks:
"If it took one million years to eliminate
the fifth digit of the horse and two million
years to eliminate the second and fourth
digits, how long will it take to eradicate
the ape and the tiger from man?" That
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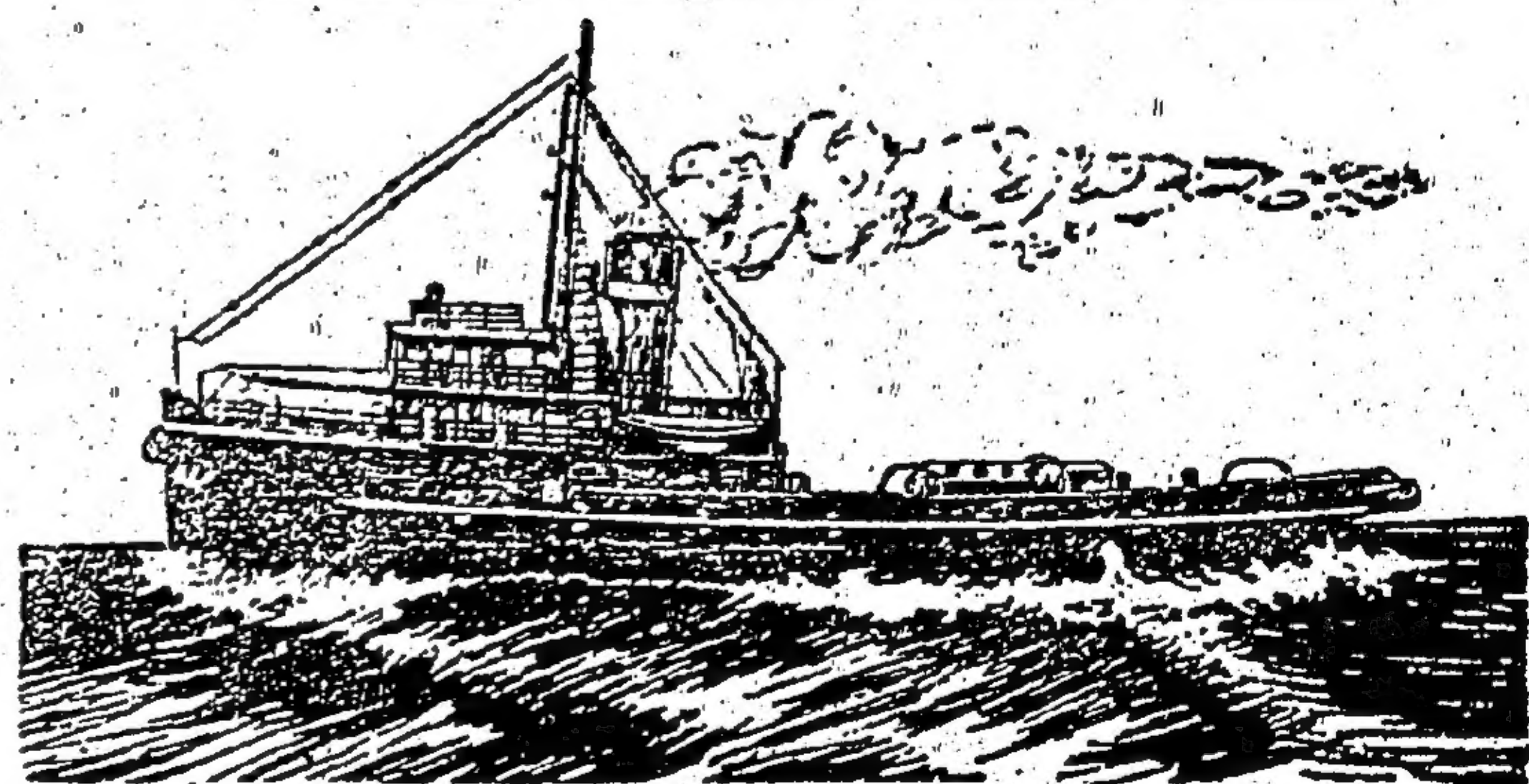
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Kanagawa Maru, Japanese str., 3,800 tons, Capt. T. Yamamoto, from Yokohama, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf, N.Y.K.
 December 16th.
Rangoon Maru, Japanese str., 1,565 tons, Capt. T. Okubo, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. 34, O.S.K.
Colbert, German str., 5,300 tons, Capt. W. Reber, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 35, A.L.H.
Hainan, British str., 1,302 tons, Capt. J. S. Thomson, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. 34, C.B. & S.
Hoi Yung, Portuguese str., 454 tons, Capt. G. A. de Lemos, from Kwang Chou, with a general cargo, lying at Saitong Wharf, Kwang O S.S.C.
Amami, Portuguese str., from Macao, lying at buoy No. 37.
President Jefferson, American str., 8,413 tons, Capt. E. R. Nichols, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf, Admiral Oriental Line.
Sango Maru, Japanese str., 431 tons, Capt. M. Ochiai, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. 35, C.B. & S.
Sinkiang, British str., 1,410 tons, Capt. J. M. O'Brien, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 34, B. & S.
Sing Sing, French str., 720 tons, Capt. J. Bouammi, from Hongkong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 37, M.M.
Sing Sing, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. 38.
Yokohama Maru, Japanese str., 3,025 tons, Capt. Van Ichimaru, from Kobe, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 34, J.C.L.

CLEARANCES.

December 16th.
Hector, for Tientsin.
Kanagawa Maru, for Shanghai.
Hainan, for Canton.
Colbert, for Shanghai.
Hainan, for Keelung.
Hoi Yung, for Canton.
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PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.
 Per *S.S. President Jefferson*, from Manila on December 15th:—For Hongkong: Mr. G. Alexander, Mr. Leo Bendheim, Miss M. Brooks, Mr. John R. Collins, Mr. C. W. Cummings, Mr. R. G. Harrison, Mr. J. E. Johannes, Mr. H. M. Kolodkin, Mrs. C. W. Kolodkin, Miss E. M. D. Maddick, Miss Majorie M. Riley. For Shanghai: Miss C. L. De Cue, Mrs. A. C. Davis, Miss Eva Davis, Miss D. Davis, Miss B. C. Cutler, Mrs. M. Otsuki, Mrs. May Sorenson, Mr. E. Spill, Miss Ivy C. Tully, Miss B. A. Tully, Miss G. A. Tully. For Seattle: Mr. H. Beiser.
 Per *Blue Funnel* s.s. *Hector* on Dec. 14th, from Shanghai:—Mr. J. Kinnard, Mr. N. Currie, Mr. A. D. Keigwin, Mr. H. M. Sheikh, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Miss J. Holyoak, Capt. W. G. Lorier, Miss W. A. Rudge, Mr. H. W. Ray, Mr. W. J. Hawker, and Mr. G. G. P. Harper.
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 The *R.M.S. Empress of Asia* arrived at Manila on December 15th at 5 a.m., left next day at 7 p.m., and is due at Hongkong today at 8 a.m. (Tuesday).
 The *R.M.S. Empress of Australia* arrived at Yokohama on December 15th, left next day, and is due at Vancouver on December 21st.
 The *B.I. and A.P. Line's s.s. Takien* left Kobe for this port on the 13th inst., and is due here on the afternoon of the 18th inst.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Africa (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 8th.
Empress of Asia, due (from Manila), to-day.
Empress of Canada, due December 24th.
Fushimi Maru (N.Y.K.), due to-day.
Kano Maru (N.Y.K.), due January 13th.
Kilani Maru (N.Y.K.), due to-day.
Knight Companion (Blue Funnel), due January 21st.
Morika Maru (N.Y.K.), due December 21st.
President Grant (Admiral Oriental), due December 18th.
President Harrison (Dollar), due Jan. 5th.
President Monroe (Dollar Line), due December 22nd.
Sorpedon (Blue Funnel), due December 24th.
Tango Maru (N.Y.K.), due to-day.
Troilus (Blue Funnel), due December 23rd.
Tyndarus (Blue Funnel), due January 13th.

WEATHER REPORT.

December 15th at 17.35.—Warning to Hongkong Coast Ports, &c.—Depression or typhoon of unknown intensity with 120 miles of Lat. 10 deg. N. Long 125 deg. E. moving W.
 December 15th at 17.50.—Pressure has decreased slightly at all reporting stations except Shanghai, where a slight increase was recorded. The anticyclone has weakened slightly.
 The depression of typhoon, at 2 p.m. this afternoon, was in about Lat. 10 deg. N. and Long. 125 deg. E. moving W.
 Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 14 hours, Dec. 15th 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 98.49 inches, against an average of 82.57 inches.
 The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 13 hours, Dec. 16th is as follows:—
 District Forecast
 Formosa Channel N.E. winds, fresh;
 (N.E. winds, fresh;
 Hongkong to Gap Rock to moderate; fine.
 South coast of China between do.
 Hongkong and Lamock do.
 South coast of China between do.
 Hongkong and Hainan do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 15th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.11	30.14	30.06
Temperature	86	89	88
Humidity	54	79	82
Wind Direction	ESE	NE	ESE
Force	3	2	4
Weather	B	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air temperature on 15th 86

Lowest open-air temperature on 15th 68

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 16th to 22nd, 1924.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water		Low Water	
		Time	Height	Time	Height
Tue	16	11.45	4.5	6.55	1.8
Wed	17	11.51	4.6	6.43	1.9
Thur	18	12.02	4.8	6.22	2.1
Fri	19	12.14	5.0	6.02	2.3
Satur	20	12.24	5.2	5.83	2.5
Sun	21	12.35	5.4	5.65	2.7
Mon	22	12.45	5.6	5.48	2.8

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 Hongkong, 12th December, 1924. [1592]



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TJILWONG	SHANGHAI	23rd "	24th "	JAVA VIA MAKASSAR
TJIKIRI	JAVA VIA M'SAR	25th "	26th "	SHANGHAI
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"KHIVA"	9,135	27th Dec	Marseilles, L'don, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Antwerp and Hall.
1925			
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	10th Jan.	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA"	8,813	31st Jan.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KALYAN"	9,118	24th Jan.	Mars. London, B'dam, & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,911	7th Feb.	Marseilles & London
"SARDINIA"	8,884	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KASHMIR"	8,983	21st Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Mar.	Marseilles & London
"BOUDAN"	8,896	18th Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KASHMIR"	8,983	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	8,813	31st Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MANTUA"	10,902	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
"KASHMIR"	8,983	18th Apr.	Mars. L'don, & A'werp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
"SARDINIA"	8,884	18th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.

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"TAKIWA"	8,500	18th Jan. 1925	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKIWA"	8,500	11th Jan.	do.
"TAKIWA"	8,500	30th Jan.	do.
1925			
"TAKIWA"	8,500	1st Jan.	Amoy.
"ST. ALBANS"	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
"DONGOLA"	5,063	7th Jan.	Kobe only.
"TAKIWA"	10,000	10th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	18th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,983	21st Jan.	do.
"SARDINIA"	8,884	24th Jan.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKIWA"	8,500	18th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,983	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"BOUDAN"	8,896	24th Feb.	do.
"SICILIA"	8,813	31st Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,983	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	10th Mar.	do.
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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	21st Mar.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	8,884	7th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	8,884	17th Apr.	do.
"SARDINIA"	8,884	22nd Apr.	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	1st May	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,983	18th May	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	28th May	do.

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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LINAN"	On 17th Dec. Noon
SHANGHAI & SHANGHAI	"SINCHANG"	On 18th Dec. 11 p.m.
WIREHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 18th Dec. 4 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 20th Dec. Noon
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIANGSU"	On 21st Dec. D.L.
SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 21st Dec. 11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 22nd Dec. 11 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 23rd Dec. D.L.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"YINGCHOW"	On 24th Dec. Noon
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